The Bonus Army

Compiled by Lynn Ball

[Several books I have read recently mention the “Bonus Army.” I decided to do some research. The story is quite interesting.]

In 1924, a grateful Congress voted to give a bonus to WWI Veterans. Some sources say, “$1.25 per day for each day served overseas; $1.00 for each day served in the States.” Other sources say “$1,000” total. What led to the decision by Congress to award the bonus?

In the 3rd ID during the Cold War

By Keith Schmidt


I served in the Third Infantry Division during the Cold War deployment in Germany after World War II and Korea but before Vietnam. It was a unique time with the American Military focused on potential Russian aggression towards Europe. Many of us thought we might be fighting a Hot War again on the same battlefields of the previous two World Wars. I’m glad that proved wrong.

Graduating from Monmouth College, Illinois, in 1958 with a high draft number, I didn’t want to start a job and then be called up, so I decided to enlist.

I went into the Army with Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and advanced mechanized training at Fort Hood, Texas.

Remembering Fort Hood: My memories of Fort Hood are still vivid: field exercises, the excruciating summer heat and the many rattlesnakes in the area. I was an armored personnel carrier driver and preferred to sleep inside the vehicle rather than outside.

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Honorary President

Marne 6 Sends

Greetings to all the Dog Face Soldiers, Families, and Friends of the Marne Division.

Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division took part in a historic event on August 1st: the Division Change of Command ceremony was the first ever division-level Change of Command ceremony to take place in Afghanistan.

My name is Jim Rainey, and I am honored to join the ranks of this great division. I could not be more proud to join this outstanding group of Dog Face Soldiers as they serve our Nation in Afghanistan and all over the world. My wife, Tracy, and I are very excited to join the Marne community and we received a warm welcome from the local community. Together we look forward to continuing the great relationship the division has with the Coastal Georgia community. Maj. Gen. Mike and Mrs. Murray have done a wonderful job leading this Division, and we couldn’t have asked for a better transition. I wish him and Jane all the best in their future and I know they are proud to continue to count themselves as part of the Marne family.

I have conducted several battlefield circulations and office calls since taking command to meet with the leaders, service members and civilians on Bagram Airfield and throughout Afghanistan. Each visit begins with introductions to members of the team, followed by an overview of current operations from the unit, and in most cases a tour of facilities. I have made visits to Task Force Solid, Task Force Shadow, Task Force Destiny, Bagram Garrison, Train Advise Assist Command – West, Train Advise Assist Command – South and

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Dear Members of our Society:

Over the past few years, and probably longer, one comment is most used by new members to whom I have spoken. Most say, “I would have joined a long time ago if I had known there was a Society of the Third Infantry Division.”

Many of our members, including yours truly, regret not joining the Society years sooner. It appears that being a “Dogface Soldier,” like vintage wine and rare books, gains more value as time passes. The friendships made while in service and as a member of this Society have no equal. I share the opinion of many attendees of our annual reunion who wrote, “It was over too quickly.” Hundreds of our members did not serve in the 3rd Infantry Division, but they chose to join our Society for other reasons. We are proud to have them as honorary “Dogface Soldiers.” We hope that you will join me in spreading the word about the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division as an unequalled fraternal Society.


Watch on the Rhine.

MG James E. Rainey has replaced MG Mike Murray as command general of our Division. MG Rainey has his first message as “Marne 6” in this issue. Rainey served in Combat Infantry in the Middle East conflicts.

We are sorry to report that Active Duty Liaison Sheila Hearron has been forced to resign because of health issues. Sheila retired in 2014, with the rank of CW3. Our best wishes to Sheila, Mike, and their children. I have asked Jeff Ashman (CSM, Ret.) to assume the duties of Active Duty Liaison, and he has accepted this important position. Jeff served as Division CSM with MG Tony Cucolo. Jeff authored the report on the Farewell and Retreat Ceremony for MG and Jane Murray in this issue of The Watch on the Rhine. Jeff is President of the Marine Association at Fort Stewart.

After a short absence, our Society will once again be represented with the Army Divisions Association. This group of Army Divisions represents about 116,300 members. Public Relations Chair Tom Maines will be the Society Liaison. Tom is a former president of our Society and is currently a Trustee on the Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors and Chair of the Society’s Public Relations Committee.

We receive reports of the many activities of our various outposts. We especially thank the members of outposts #1, #3, #53, #57, and Marne for all of their recent efforts. Currently, we have only one outpost operating with just one officer. The officer is very capable, but we need at least two officers in each outpost. Please review page 31 of this issue to see if you can assist Pat and Outpost #7. Our special thanks to all those who serve the Society at the outpost level. Due to the recent death of Outpost President Bill Harris, Outpost #33 has a position open.

An important thought: if the enemy is within range, so are you.

Yours in the 3rd, Joe Ball, President

Change of 3rd I.D. Command


Rainey, who previously served as the commandant of the U.S. Army Infantry School, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, Georgia, assumes command of the 3rd Infantry Division, based at Fort Stewart, Fort Benning, and Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. In Afghanistan, he will also serve as commander, Bagram Airfield, and commander, Joint Task Force 3.

“Today marks an important change in our leadership of one of our Army’s most famed divisions,” Gen. John Campbell, commander, Resolute Support mission and U.S. Forces – Afghanistan said. “And also a very historic division. Division-level changes of command don’t normally occur in deployed environments. This is the first ever division-level change of command in Afghanistan. You were the Army’s first modular division. You led the charge into Baghdad. And your legacy of service in World Wars I and II is well known, particularly with the 55 Medal of Honor recipients who served in your ranks.”

“I’m honored today to join the ranks of the legendary 3rd Infantry Division,” Rainey said. “It’s humbling. The dog-faced soldier’s record of service and excellence is unquestioned, from the Marne to Baghdad, Kandahar, and Bagram today. I look forward to working with all of our Afghan partners, NATO, and coalition teammates at this critical point in the mission. Like most of us, I’ve lost friends, Soldiers, and teammates in this war and I’m deeply committed and passionate about seeing it through a successful completion as we all are. Thank you very much and Rock of the Marne.”

The 3ID continues its distinguished service to our nation, with units from the division currently serving around the world. The Soldiers of 3ID are a part of the 9,800 U.S. contingent, and will remain in Afghanistan until November 2015.
ing troops long to recognize the inequity of the situation. Soon, they began to argue that they should receive “adjusted compensation” for wages they had lost while serving overseas, an argument carefully phrased to suggest equality. Critics were successful in twisting the argument to call them “bonus seekers.” After several years of lobbying, Congress voted for the bonus—but only after overriding President Calvin Coolidge’s veto. Coolidge’s view was “Patriotism which is bought and paid for is not patriotism.” Nevertheless, the Veterans were happy with the decision to delay payment of the bonus until 1945. (Bonds were supposed to earn enough interest to pay the bonuses.) They remained happy until the economic horrors of the Depression set in. President Herbert Hoover remained steadfastly reluctant to recognize the severity of the economic crisis. His attitude exacerbated the problem for not only the “Bonus Army” but also for the entire population.

By 1932, Veterans desperate for economic relief, wanted their bonuses paid immediately. A bill to pay the bonuses was introduced in Congress; this caught the attention of WWI Veteran Walter Waters, himself unemployed. He began meeting with other Veterans in the Portland, Oregon, area. Soon they numbered in the thousands. On May 11, 1932, about 300 Veterans began riding the rails toward the National Capitol. With the help of the interested media, their number increased exponentially. They called themselves the “Bonus Expeditionary Force”—a play on “American Expeditionary Force” that had fought in WWI. The public called them the “Bonus Army.” Veterans across the country started jumping on freight trains, sometimes with their families, and headed for Washington to implore Congress to give them their money.

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From May 25th to the 29th, the first groups of Veterans arrived in Washington. Soon they numbered 20,000. Using materials scavenged from dumps, they erected shacks, tents and hovels anywhere they could find ground—vacant lots and abandoned buildings. The largest of the camps (“Hooverville”) was built on the Anacostia flats, across the river from the Capitol. The Veterans named it “Camp Marks” in honor of the police captain in whose precinct they were encamped. It was well organized to resemble a small city. They dug latrines and designated and named streets; there was a library, a post office, a barber shop, and classes for the children. They even began publishing their own newspaper. It was the largest “Hooverville” in the nation. Washingtonians brought them much needed materials: sleeping bags, vegetables, cigarettes, and more. They had strict rules for allowing people to join them: no communists; every man had to prove he had served in WWI and had been honorably discharged. This did not stop the rumor mill that tried to brand them as “Communists and bums.” Police Chief Pelham Glassford, himself a decorated WWI general, sympathized with his fellow Vets. He toured the camp almost daily, organized medical care, provided building materials, solicited local merchants for food donations, and even spent $773.00 of his own money for provisions.

After observing the hunger that existed in the camp, Evalyn Walsh McLean, heiress to the Colorado mining fortune and owner of the Hope diamond (and wife of the local newspaper owner/publisher) went to an all-night diner where she ordered 1,000 sandwiches and 1,000 packs of cigarettes. Coffee for the Veterans was paid for by General Glassford. She said that with the sandwiches and Glassford’s coffee, they “fed all the hungry ones they could find.” (Source: Father Struck It Rich, 1936.)

Of course, that did not solve the hunger problem. One day a desperate Walter Waters came to her home and said, “If these men are not fed, I can’t say what will happen in this town.” With him was his wife, a tiny woman who had just arrived by bus. Mrs. McLean offered her a bath and a nap in her home, but the woman would not allow McLean to take her clothes to have them laundered. She was afraid she would not see them again.

In short, the situation was most grim. Mrs. McLean called Vice President Charlie Curtis, and conveyed Water’s words to him, adding, “They have no money, nor any food.”

There was a bill to pay the bonus before
Congress, and Curtis gathered senators, in a secret meeting, in the hope that they would pass the bill and issue the payments. Meanwhile, J. Edgar Hoover was busily trying to find evidence of communist roots, which never existed. The situation was volatile. The bill was brought up for vote. On June 15th, the House of Representatives passed the bill (211-276); however, the Senate (mostly loyal to Coolidge) defeated its passage. Those assembled outside the Capitol building, were poised for attack; Waters defused the situation by asking the Veterans to sing “America.” After the song, the veterans filed back to camp.

In the days that followed many bonus marchers went home, but Waters and some 20,000 others declared their intention “to stay here until 1945 if necessary to get our bonuses.” As weeks passed, conditions in the camp worsened. Again, Mrs. McLean contacted the Vice President. “If something is not done for these men, there is bound to be a lot of trouble.” Vice President Curtis became paranoid when he saw men near his office. President Hoover was especially concerned about the Veterans who occupied abandoned buildings downtown.

On July 28th, on President Hoover’s orders, Police Chief Glassford arrived with 100 policemen to evict them. Waters informed Glassford that the men had voted to remain. Just after noon, a contingent of Vets confronted a phalanx of policemen near the armory, resulting in a quick, but violent skirmish. The Vets threw bricks while the policemen used their nightsticks. In a second confrontation that afternoon, shots rang out. One veteran lay dead and another mortally wounded. Three policemen were injured.

At this point, Army Chief of Staff General Douglas MacArthur decided to put their practiced plan into action and assumed personal command. Tanks rolled through the streets of the Capitol. MacArthur ordered his men to clear the estimated 8,000 Veterans from the downtown area as well as the spectators who were attracted to the scene by radio reports. Nearly 200 mounted cavalry, sabers drawn and pennants flying, rode out of the Ellipse, led by MG George Patton. They were followed by five tanks and about 300 helmeted infantrymen, armed with loaded rifles and fixed bayonets. Soldiers with gasmasks fired tear gas grenades at the crowd, setting off dozens of fires among the Veterans’ shelters erected near the armory.

By evening, the army had arrived at “Camp Marks” on the Anacostia flats, even though the President, had forbid MacArthur to cross the bridge. There, MacArthur gave the Vets twenty minutes to evacuate the women and children. The troops then attacked the camp with tear gas and fixed bayonets. Two babies died, allegedly from tear-gas inhalation. They drove off the Veterans and set fire to the camp which quickly burned. The Veterans and their families began the slow four-mile walk to the Maryland border where National Guard trucks transported them to the Pennsylvania border.

MacArthur’s aide, Dwight D. Eisenhower insisted that Secretary of War Hurley, speaking for the President, had forborne any troops to cross the bridge into Anacostia. Further, at least two high ranking officers were also dispatched to deliver the President’s orders. MacArthur said he was “too busy to be bothered with people coming down and pretending to bring orders.” [Years later, Eisenhower put it more bluntly during an interview with historian Stephen Ambrose. “I told the dumb son-of-a-b**** he had no business going down there.”]

At 11:00 PM that night, MacArthur called a press conference during which he complimented the President for his timely action that “prevented a grave situation which would have caused a real battle.” The actions of MacArthur and the Army were not well received by the public when newspapers and newsreels (shown in the movie theaters) depicted those who had won the First World War being abused by uniformed servicemen. The Army was booed and MacArthur jeered. This issue was instrumental in causing Hoover to lose the election to Roosevelt.

For each of the next four years, Veterans returned to Washington, D.C. to push for their bonus. Many of the men were sent by Roosevelt to rehabilitation camps in the Florida Keys—purportedly to live in tents and build a railroad. On September 2, 1935, 269 of them were killed in the category 5, “Labor Day Hurricane.” The government attempted to suppress the news, but writer Ernest Hemingway was aboard one of the first rescue boats, and he wrote an angry article about it. Resistance to the bonus withered. Finally, in 1936, the Veterans received their bonuses. [The article written by Hemingway is a masterpiece from the first to the last sentence. Perhaps we can print the essence of it in a later issue, if there is interest conveyed by our readers.] Another source for the Watch article was Daniels, Roger. The Bonus Army: An Episode of the Great Depression, 1971.

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**Anzio Beachhead Reunion**

By Lucia Hilderbrand

The Anzio Beachhead Reunion, hosted by Clyde Easter, was held April 27-30, at the Comfort Suites of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Nine veterans attended: John Cable, Charles Condren, Clyde Easter, Ed Hess, Joe Hilderbrand, E. Hansel Pendley, Nelson Snyder, Morris Snyder, and John Ray. Also attending were family members of the veterans.

Activities included the Allenberry Dinner Theater in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania, and a tour of the U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center, where a brick was laid on the Soldier’s Walk in honor of the Anzio beachhead veterans. The brick was donated by Pattie and Charles Essig.

Clyde Easter presided at the banquets, and speakers were Army officers from the War College. Special thanks to Pattie Essig and Diane Bowen for their preparations and planning for the enjoyable reunion.

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**Anzio Beachhead Reunion Attendees:**

the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, getting to know both the Soldiers of the Division, and those whom we support.

BG Crissman, Deputy Commanding General – Support for USFOR-A, was promoted in a ceremony at Bagram Airfield on July 8. Along with a packed room, his wife and friends were able to join the ceremony via video teleconference. Upon redeployment, BG Crissman will take over as the Division Deputy Commanding General – Support from BG Christopher Bentley.

The main effort for TAAC-E in August was supporting our partners in the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces as they conducted a major operation in Nangarhar province. The operation, named Iron Triangle, was designed to clear the districts of Khogyani, Sherzad and Hisarak of insurgents. This was the first national-level, joint operation carried out by our partners in the 201st Afghan National Army Corps and regional ANDSF. This was the first time in 14 years that an operation of this magnitude was attempted in three districts.

The goal of the ANDSF was to clear the three districts of insurgents, paving the way for better security and governance. An element of TAAC-E leaders and advisors relocated to the ANDSF headquarters at Camp Khogyani to provide on-site advice and assistance to ANDSF leaders and staff. The TAAC-E element consisted of troops from three U.S. Army divisions. Members of the 3rd Infantry Division, 10th Mountain Division, and 101st Airborne Division worked together to improve their camaraderie and teamwork. The ANDSF operation has seen great success and we expect our partners in the ANDSF to reach their goal.

Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team stood proudly on Cottrell Field as their Brigade Commander and Command Sergeant Major conducted a joint Change of Command and Change of Responsibility Ceremony. Colonel Rob Ashe and Command Sergeant Major Russell Reimers were honored for their outstanding performance before they handed the Brigade to Colonel Winston Brooks and Command Sergeant Major James Wafe.

The 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade said a fond farewell to Colonel Tony Coston at the end of July and welcomed Colonel Jared Helwig as the new Provider 6. Colonel Coston departed the Third Infantry Division for Army Materiel Command where we know he will continue to do great things. I look forward to working with Jared as he continues the sustained excellence of the Provider Brigade.

In keeping with the theme of transition, the Third Infantry Division Artillery conducted their Change of Command to farewell Colonel John O’Grady who moves to Carlisle Barracks where he will be working for the Army Center for Strategic and International Studies. Marne Thunder’s new commander, Colonel Todd Wasmund, comes to us from the Pentagon where Todd was the Division Chief of J35 JOD-AFRICOM.

The Fort Stewart 3ID Community welcomed a new Task Force Marne Chief of Staff in Colonel James Dooghan. He joins the Marne Division from the Senior Service College. He will remain in the Division Headquarters until next year when he is scheduled to take command of the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

With more than 1,600 Dog Face Soldiers still deployed, I ask you to remember them and the sacrifices of our Soldiers and their Families in defense of our freedom. Please take time to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and what it cost to gain and maintain them. Lastly, I ask that we all honor the Service Members who made the ultimate sacrifice, and the sacrifices their Gold Star Families continue to make today, by keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

Rock of the Marne! Army Strong!

Jim Rainey, Major General
U.S. Army, Commanding

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It has been a busy summer for many of us. Our folks in the central U.S. have received more than their share of rain. Some of us would be grateful for a nice steady two- or three-day downpour. The folks in the California and eastern Washington State are suffering due to the raging forest fires. Mike Mc Clintock wrote that his area of Washington State received enough rain to protect them from the forest fires—at least for now. He also said, “Western Washington is in the beginning stages of drought, and the rivers are low due to the early snow melt. The glaciers on Mt. Baker are melting and the bears have no berries to eat because of the early spring.” In spite of the lack of rain in some parts of his state, he said, it poured in Seattle. Actually, I believe it always pours in Seattle. Once, I asked a resident of Seattle how he keeps his lawn pruned when it rains every day. He said, “As soon as it stops raining, we run out and mow.”

We hope you enjoy this issue of The Watch on the Rhine. We have two book reviews and several important articles: The Farewell and Retreat Ceremony honoring MG Mike and Jane Murray, an article by our new Commanding General, MG James E. Rainey; several very interesting comments in “Outpost News”; some excellent articles contributed by our readers, and “News from France,” which tells of the French children placing French and American flags on all of the graves for Memorial Day. I did a story on the “Bonus Army” which I hope our readers like. Your comments are always helpful and appreciated. Two of our articles from contributors are too long to publish in one issue and will be continued in December and possibly February issues. Scholarship News features several “Thank You” notes the Foundation received from this year’s recipients. Also, we have a 3rd I.D. jacket that we want to give to someone in exchange for a donation to the Foundation. It is a size extra-large and runs true to size. Read about it in the Scholarship Foundation article.

We hope that our outpost officers are making an effort to encourage delinquent members to pay their fiscal 2016 dues. We need to retain our membership and recruit new members. Wear your 3rd I.D. hats, shirts, badges, jewelry, and anything else to attract attention to our society. When someone shows interest, be sure to invite him/her to join our great organization.

We do not yet have firm plans for our 2016 Reunion in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, next September, but we will have a report in the December Watch on the Rhine. The daily temperatures in Pennsylvania in September are usually quite comfortable, but we should take a jacket to the reunion as the evenings can be cool at that time of the year. As soon as we have something to report about the 2017 reunion in San Antonio, we will include that information as well.

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February 1952: What do you do on a military transport heading for Japan when pounding waves are battering the hull of your ship? It’s too early to go to sleep. It’s movie night. Why not try it?

We clustered like peanuts in brittle at the stern of the ship: “Romance on the High Seas” was the featured attraction. I don’t own a phonograph, but was fond of Doris Day when I heard her on radio. I never saw her photo. Well, there she was, with her starched, golden-blond hair, tiny nose, and mechanical smile singing her little heart out.

I lived in a neighborhood composed mostly of immigrants: Italians, Spaniards, who fled France, and Jews. Neither a girl in public school, nor in the neighborhood bore the faintest resemblance to Doris. She appeared as if she stepped out of a glossy page of a Talbots catalog and was programmed to walk and sing.

As an infantryman, I was sent to Korea. I was on the MLR (frontline) guarding my bunker on an unusually quiet night. With the Imjin River flowing in front of me, I pictured the jittery journey that brought us to Japan. “Romance on the High Seas” came to mind. I recalled how the crash of the waves against the hull of the ship was blunted when about one-hundred GIs joined Doris with the words, “It’s magic.” Why not share a picture of Doris Day with the boys? I wrote to Warner Brothers in Hollywood.

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Thank You Notes: following are four Thank You notes we received from 2015 Scholarship Grant recipients.

Mr. & Mrs. Ball, I would like to sincerely thank you and the many others who assisted in granting me the Scholarship Award in Honor and Memory of Col. Sherman Pratt. Please be assured this is a privilege I appreciate and will continue to conduct myself in a way that sets myself apart from many of my peers. I’m committed to living a life that serves God and holding true to His commands. Thanks again to you and the many others at the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation for your help and financial support as I pursue furthering my education. Warmly, Austin Clayton Blanchard.

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship on behalf of our son, Benjamin Edwards. This means a great deal for him and will help him further his education goals at Kennesaw State University. Ben has overcome a lot of challenges to get where he is today having suffered a spinal stroke in 7th grade and being paralyzed, was told he would never walk again. Through prayers, perseverance, and extensive physical therapy, Ben did learn to walk again. He has since gone on to successfully race mountain-bikes despite limited dexterity and numbness on the left side of his body. It was especially rewarding to see others be generous to him as he now heads off to continue his life journey. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping him and providing this scholarship. Rock of the Marne! LTC Dom and Alyssa Edwards.

Dear Committee Members: Thank you so much for once again giving me the Legacy “Award in Honor of Major General Maurice W. Kendall.” I am always grateful for your consideration and generosity. I thoroughly enjoyed being able to tell you about VMI and the reasons why I wanted to attend there. I hope that my application was as enjoyable for you to read as it was for me to write. Thank you again for the scholarship. Cadet Alec Roach.

Scholarship Foundation: I am honored to be a recipient of the “Award in Honor of our 3rd Infantry Division Active Duty Soldiers.” I consider this an exceptionally person award since both my grandfather and I served in the 3rd Infantry Division on operational deployments, even though they were 65 years apart. We are definitely a Marne family. I am humbled to be selected for this generous grant. This will enable me to participate in a special elective that will examine the Asian export industry as a part of my MBA program. Since I work in the medical logistics field (global logistics perspective), this course will be invaluable to my military and civilian careers. Your scholarship gives me a unique opportunity that I would not be able to pursue otherwise. Thank you again for your generous Scholarship grant. Katie Kendall.

Jacket Offer: We have a 3rd I.D. heavy denim jacket with the Patch and “The 3rd Infantry Division” press-quilted on the back. It is an extra-large and runs true to size. The jacket was won in the raffle by someone who cannot use an extra-large. We would like to offer it for a donation of at least $30.00. If you are interested in the jacket, please contact Lynn Ball, 972-495-1704, or LDBALL1@msn.com. I have a jacket like it for which I paid $50.00 plus postage. The jacket is wonderful. It launders well, and it is warm and resists wind well.

This donation will be registered as such, and a tax-certification letter will be sent to the donor so it can be deducted from the donor’s 2015 Income Tax.

Comments from a Trustee: At a recent meeting, Jim Reeves, our newest Scholarship Foundation Trustee who participated in the 2015 judging of our scholarship grant submissions said, “It is an honor to serve as judge for the Scholarship Foundation. This judging is harder than it looks.” “They are all really good.” Yes, our applicants are all really good. Unfortunately, each year, there were more applicants than money so the judging was necessary. It is hard to pick the best-of-the-best. We can certainly be proud of our offspring. They are all quite intelligent—it shows that they are offspring of the 3rd Infantry Division: the best.

Prizes Received for Next Raffle: We have received some wonderful prizes for our next raffle. Shirley Conley donated a star-shaped, hand-crocheted, lap cover or tapestry. Kathy Daddato donated a queen-size, 3rd I.D. quilt. Dick and Deveny Wells donated Henry Boddie’s signed copy of In the Footsteps of Valor: A Personal Diary of WWII—then and now. It is a beautiful book containing hundreds of color photographs of important WWII sites as they were then and are now. We reviewed Henry’s book in the 2012 October Watch on the Rhine. These gifts from our donors are very much appreciated and are a nice start for our collection of prizes for the next raffle. Please send the Foundation donations for future grants and gifts for the raffle.

We have received two sponsored scholarship grants, and we are hoping that Chevron sends Jim Straw’s matching gift before the end of the year. We are beginning to plan our 2016 Scholarship Grant Program now. We will let everyone know the estimated number of grants to be awarded in 2016 once we have more pledges from sponsors. The deadline for scholarship grant submissions from our offspring and Soldiers is June 1, 2016. It is not too early for them to begin compiling their submissions. We accept submissions from September 1st through June 1st. All submissions must be received by the Foundation no later than June 1st close of business.

Our directors want to thank everyone who has sent donations to the Foundation to help with the 2016 awards. A list of recent donors follows. Again, thank you very much.

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French Children from schools in the Vosges Mountains came to Epinal American Cemetery to place French and American flags on all of the graves in preparation for the Memorial Day Ceremony conducted on May 24, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. The children did a marvelous job as did the adults guiding them. [Editor's note: Watch policy is is to not publish lists of non-member names. This is an exception.]

A large crowd gathered for the 2015 Ceremony that began with the Presentation of Colors by EUCOM Joint Color Guard and a flyover by Mirage 2000Ds of the French Air Force. Dwight E. Anderson, Epinal Cemetery Superintendent, delivered a welcoming statement followed by French and American National Anthems (“La Marseillaise” and “The Star Spangled Banner”) by the Band of Epinal. More welcoming addresses were delivered by Francois Picoche, Mayor of Sinoze; Jean-Pierre Moinaus, Vice President of the Regional Council of Lorraine; Francois Vanvson, President of the Conseil Departmental of the Vosges; Michel Heinrich, Member of Parliament and Mayor of Epinal; Jean-Pierre Cazenave-Lacroix, Prefect of the Vosges, and BG Blaine D. Holt, Deputy U.S. Military Representative of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. As usual, our Member Jocelyne Papelard acted as emcee for the event.

Following speeches by these dignitaries and Jocelyne, there was the traditional laying of wreaths. Of course, Aaron and Lea (pictured in the August Watch) were involved in that event. The Ceremony closed with playing of TAPS, Raising of the Colors, and a moment of silence.

French Children rush to Epinal to place flags in advance of the Memorial Day Ceremony.

French children from Chantaine placed French and American Flags at graves of our fallen buried at Epinal American Cemetery and participated in a ceremony honoring PFC George Melonas of the 18th Regiment of the 45th Infantry Division.

Upon completion of flag placement at Epinal, Jocelyne Papelard praises the children for their work and dedication.

Safety Warnings

Criminals have developed many ways to get people (mostly women) to stop their cars. If you stop, you will be robbed, beaten, possibly raped, and left for dead.

1. An unmarked “police car” with a red flashing light on its roof, indicating that you are supposed to stop: Don’t stop; police have to respect your right to drive to a safe place. Dial 112 on your cell phone. This will connect you to State Trooper Information (this is true in every state). Tell the dispatcher what is happening. He/she will check to see if it is a “real” police car. If not, the dispatcher will order police to come to your aid. Keep driving; don’t stop.

2. A less creative way to get you to stop is by throwing eggs on your windshield. Do not attempt to clean your windshield. When mixed with water, the eggs will become milky and you won’t be able to see. Drive to a safe place before stopping your car. Dial 911 and report the egg throwers.

3. If you see a car seat with a “baby” in it by the side of the road. Don’t stop to help the baby. Dial 911 and tell the operator about the car seat and the “baby.” The baby is likely a toy. If you stop (man or woman), you will be dragged into the woods, beaten, robbed (or worse) and left for dead.

4. Do not dial 90# on your phone for any reason. A recently discovered scam features someone calling you, claiming to be a phone technician. He asks you to help him fix your phone line by dialing 90#. Don’t do this. This would give the person full access to your phone line to make long distance calls billed to your number. This scam originated in many local jails and prisons.

5. If you get into your car, start it, and see a paper on your back window. Do not get out to remove it. Drive to a safe place before getting out of your car. If you get out to remove the paper, a criminal will jump into your car and drive away. Probably, if the driver is a woman, her purse is in the car. This gives the thief access to all of her information, keys, and address. These can be used to further victimize the car owner.

6. Don’t use your automatic door lock on your car key. As you exit your car, use the button on the inside of the door to lock your car. The signal from your key chain can be scanned, and the thief can gain access to your car to steal your installed electronic equipment and any other valuables in your car.
with the snakes and other critters. I remember training with the M1 Garand, which I never really liked, but I sure did like the BAR. "I thought if things go bad, I'm getting my hands on a BAR." We also fired the model 1911 .45 government issue pistol, which has always been my favorite handgun.

Welcome to Germany: When I arrived in Germany with the Third Infantry, the sergeant said my role would be "clerical." Then he noticed that I didn't seem happy.

"OK Dog Face, if you don't like that report to the motor pool," he said. So, I started out changing oil in motor pool maintenance.

It wasn't too long before I was selected to drive for two generals. I found out later the FBI had visited and talked with my family and neighbors in Homewood, Illinois, and also many of my college classmates. Whatever was said must have been good as I was given a Top Secret Clearance. I had to study and pass the test for an international driver's license.

Backseat Driver with Star: The first general I drove for was General David C. Lewis. He was a true "Mustang" having risen from the ranks to One Star status over 3rd ID Artillery. He was always kind and fair with enlisted men but I saw him "chew out" several Second Lieutenants fresh from West Point guilty of "inattention to detail."

I later drove for BG Creighton Williams Abrams, Jr., at the time an assistant division commander of 3rd Armored Division in 1959 and 1960. He then commanded the division from 1960-1962 as a major general. General Abrams was extremely intelligent, very concerned about the well-being of his soldiers and very much a gentleman. He also was famous as the Army General who commanded military operations in Vietnam from 1968-72. He served as Chief of Staff of the United States Army from 1972 until shortly before his death in 1974. The Army named its main battle tank, the M1 Abrams, after him.

I drove both generals to their assignments in Germany, Italy, and France. I had maps in the car that I studied prior to any trips. Although I spoke very little German, Italian or French, the international road signs made driving around Europe easy. Traffic was much less of a problem back then. Military MPs were everywhere.

It wasn't bad duty as after I let them off at their destination, I usually had most of the rest of the day off and used it to sight see. A sergeant and I alternated driving duties for the generals. We used an olive drab 1956 four-door Chevrolet sedan for most of the driving. It had a general's star on the front fender. When there was no general in the car, the star had to be covered. If a general was in the vehicle, we had to uncover the star. For driving a general into the field, we had a customized jeep that was enclosed with Plexiglas "bubble" doors.

I made several trips with the generals to Paris. They would stay at what had been a building for SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force) during the war. I was in charge of the car, but was ordered not to park it in the street. I was able to find a small hotel with a courtyard for the car on the left bank of Paris where I stayed ready to pick up the general when needed. Most of the time during a trip, the general would sit in the back seat reading or catching up on paperwork.

Flight to the Mountains: I remember one special trip I took with General Lewis in the fall of 1959. I assembled with a 3rd ID infantry squad and stayed
at what had been an old Luftwaffe barracks at the Kitzingen Army Airfield southwest of Berlin. The airfield had its origins in World War I when it served as a training school for the Imperial German Air Force. It was again in use by the Germans for World War II. A variety of 3rd Infantry Division units used Kitzingen Army Airfield/Harvey Barracks during the Cold War.

We drew live ammunition very early in the morning and boarded helicopters with General Lewis and flew to the mountains near the Czechoslovakian border and landed near a large old farm house. I was issued an M-1 carbine for the mission. We were there to provide security for the general and specifically to secure the road leading into the farm house. We were briefed that the general was meeting with “important government officials.” However, we never learned who he met with, or what government they were from. However, tensions with Russia were running very high at this point.

I had the opportunity to meet many German people. They liked American soldiers even though some of them had fought us during WW II. I remember meeting a woman who had been one of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel’s secretaries. She, like most Germans, did not like the Russians.

Würzburg, Germany, in Northern Bavaria on the Main River became a center for both the 3rd and 1st Infantry Divisions after World War II and into the Cold War. (The city had a great deal of strategic importance during the war. In March of 1945, most of the city was destroyed by British Bombers in a raid resulting in a devastating firestorm. Soon after, on April 3, the city was attacked and taken by the 12th Armored Division and the 42nd U.S. infantry.)

In 1959, I bought a four-seater Mercedes-Benz 170 S made in 1950 making me even more mobile. One rainy night returning to Würzburg, I went off the road on a slick curve and rolled the old Mercedes over in a German farmer’s potato field. I wasn’t hurt, and a bottle of good French Champagne I was bringing to a friend also was unharmed. However, that was the end of the Mercedes. Also, that

German farmer showed up at the base demanding reimbursement for his potatoes. (The U.S. units withdrew from Würzburg in 2008, bringing an end to more than 60 years of U.S. military presence in this historic German city.)

GI Tourist: In July 1960, I had significant leave time available and I took the opportunity to travel by train through Italy from Milan to Genoa, Alassio, and Portofino on the “Italian Riviera” on the western coast of Northern Italy close to the French border.

Alassio is a beautiful little resort town with scenic views, sandy beaches, blue sea and many bars and restaurants on the sea front. The town center is crossed by an old cobble stone road.

A short distance away is Portofino, which is a fishing village with the town surrounding the harbor. I remember walking along a pier feeling homesick and all of a sudden I heard a Frank Sinatra song coming from a Café. That really cheered me up. I still enjoy his music to this day. I struck up a conversation with some locals I met on the beach who were my age. I was running short of money and would probably have been sleeping on the beach except one of my new friends knew the owner of small hotel who let me sleep for free in the “pantry,” which was a closet and a cot. The Italians, like most Europeans, liked the U.S. military and often helped us whenever they could.

Lessons Learned: What I remember most of my time with the 3rd Infantry in Germany were the people. There were still many officers and noncoms active that were WW II veterans who really knew their business. They helped the Army maintain extremely high standards. I have the highest regard for those World War II veterans and the sacrifices so many of them made. I also remember the German people for their resilience. Post war Germany was in shambles. In the late 1950s, the scars of the war were everywhere. It was an inexpensive time to see much of Europe as the economy was slowly recovering from the war.

On a personal level, I learned a lot from my time in the Army that included two years of active duty and a couple more years in the reserves. I learned how to get along with a variety of people from different backgrounds and experiences. I also learned that I didn’t particularly enjoy waiting in line and Army chow.

My experience also has reinforced for me our need to maintain a strong military that will preserve our country’s freedom. It’s great to see the modern 3rd ID continue at the forefront of this effort. However, I am very sad to learn that the 3rd ID at both Fort Stewart and Fort Benning has been impacted by the Army’s force structure decisions announced in July. Force reduction at this time of international instability is a mistake, in my opinion.

[Jack Schmidt, a Life Member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, will celebrate his 80th birthday in 2016. Retired from his career in iron foundry management/sales, he lives in Douglas on the southwest Michigan coast with his wife Betty where they spend time with their children, grandchildren and Chocolate Labrador. He and Betty have been married more than 50 years. He recently gave his field jacket with its Third Infantry Division patch to his oldest grandson. He works with three quarter horses at his nearby farm called “Black Cannon.” The farm is named after a full-size replica of an 1812 cannon at the entrance. The article was written by Jack’s brother, Keith Schmidt, a Life Associate Member of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, with assistance from Jack’s wife.]

![Jack Schmidt with his 3rd I.D. Association shirt shooting his Colt Model 1911 pistol at the firing range in Mason County, Michigan.](image-url)
A Cold War Experience: 3rd Infantry

By Robert Valen

Part One

January 1966 started off with my arrival by bus at Fort Ord, California, to attend U.S. Army Basic Training. I was assigned to Training Brigade D-2-1, Platoon 5. I was “RA”—Regular Army. In one month I would turn 19 years old. Prior to this I had graduated from high school in June of 1965. I worked some odd jobs: a tomato processing plant near Modesto, California, making ketchup. Later, I was harvesting small evergreen trees from the Lassen National Forest near Burney, California, for Christmas tree lots in the San Joaquin Valley. Fort Ord “shared” some of the coldest, dampest weather I’ve experienced: chilled to the bone most of the time. There were lingering vestiges of the meningitis epidemic that had occurred there less than two years earlier. Rumor had it that meningitis had hit some guys in other basic training companies.

Fortunately, we didn’t see any issues with meningitis in our company. To keep the GI’s safe; we had to keep the barracks’ windows open “one tent pole length” 24 hours a day. Those open windows allowed the chilled, moist, cold winter Pacific air to blow through the barracks all the time. Fresh air keeps the bugs away the saying goes. A fellow basic trainee and I shared duties for a while as training company armorers with Joe DiMaggio, the nephew of a guy with the same name. The two plus months of Army hands-on training was mostly fun. We all learned a lot though, in hindsight, I’d say some of the training was a bit stale or dated. What we were taught certainly wasn’t used or needed in some military theaters of action like Viet Nam. As for the mess hall, I thought the food was good!

After Basic Training, I went to Fort Knox, Kentucky, U.S. Army Armor Training Center to attend my Advanced Individual Training (AIT). I was captivated by the big machines. Training there went well and was well conducted. We all got to know the M-48A3 Patton as though it was our personal vehicle. Weapons on board were the 90mm main gun, 50cal in the Tank Commanders copula and a 7.62mm coaxially mounted machine gun. We had some training with tanker personal side arms too. We drove tanks, loaded and fired the weapons, learned to use the radios, checked various operations making sure they were correct, learned how the engine and transmission are removed, and we fixed them too. We also replaced tank track and track blocks; back breaking work. Coal was still in use at Fort Knox back then, and to this day when I catch the smell of burning coal (it’s rare) I think of that Fort Knox aroma.

We graduated from Armor AIT and packed up and became some of the first to experience what no other young soldier heading for Europe had done before. We were bused at night to some airport and put on a plane to the East Coast. We spent a few days at Fort Dix, New Jersey, getting processed and then we flew to Frankfurt, West Germany. Guys that had arrived in Germany a few weeks before us had gone “overseas” via troop transport ships. We all enjoyed the flight without any air sickness. Couldn’t imagine going by ship; a lost experience, I guess! It was spring 1966.

We all had our orders packed away in our pockets when we arrived in Germany. As I learned later, Army orders change. I was to be assigned to one of the Armor Divisions along with a bunch of other guys coming in from Fort Knox. I don’t remember which division. As I understand there were two Armor Divisions there at that time: The 1st and the 3rd. A lot of us were called into one large group and told our orders had changed. We looked at each other and the overall collective thought was - does the Army need us to do some other job after all that training? Well, we were told we would be assigned to the Third Infantry Division. Interesting, we were all just trained in armor, how does this fit an Infantry Division?

New orders in hand, the bunch of us were bused to the large and formidable train station - Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof. We rode the train a short distance to our new location near the Main River, Aschaffenburg am Main. We got off the train, made a short march to some 2 1/2 ton trucks for a nice drive to Ready Barracks. Tarps were up on the trucks and the only offering of a view was out the back end. How does that go? “I saw the world from the back of a ducie and a half.”

We were told that the 7th Infantry had been moved out and the newly activated 4th Battalion 64th Armor was moving into Ready Barracks. According to a news article I have, “As the result of these changes, the equivalent of one mechanized battalion was inactivated, as a part of a program to further increase armor and firepower of the U.S. Army forces in Germany.” Relief, we’ll be tankers after all. We were some of the first to make this transition. I remember the M-60 Pattons being brought in on large haulers and parked on the large concrete apron in the rear of Ready Barracks, down by the building at the motor pool. Even today I can remember the layout of Ready Barracks. Company B and C were up front in the same barracks near the entrance and guard shack. We had two mess halls just in front of our large three story stone building that housed us. Just behind our building was 3rd ID 3rd Brigade Headquarters and grounds then more barracks on down to Battalion HQ. There was a change of command ceremony of sorts in late May 1966 to acknowledge the change for 7th Infantry to an armor battalion. The commanding officer then was LTC G.E. Unger.

Part Two

Spring 1966 - Ready Barracks was witnessing more and more troops arriving on a regular basis to fill the slots in all those tanks. There were some infantry guys who were transitioning over into tanks as well. I was in a room with three other guys, two became tank crew mates. There was our loader, Bob Wells, from Florida, and our driver, Schlock, from New York. Our Tank Commander was SSgt. Spaulding, from Kentucky. I was the gunner from California. That was the crew on Bravo 22. That was the geographical mix of a tank crew. With the
Division, 4th Bn., 64th Armor
crew in place we needed to mesh and learn to function as a crew. In those early
days, we had all sorts of training. There
was classroom time up on the third floor
where we had lessons about the Russian
and Eastern Bloc nation’s vehicles and
aircraft. It was there that we were reminded
of our odds in combat if the preverbal
“balloon” went up—to sum it up, “short
lived.” We went through NBC training too;
Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical.

Cold War Vets who served in West
Germany remember these names:
Grafenwoehr, Wildflecken and
Hohenfels. All three were large NATO
training areas. Graf was the biggest; the
other two were on a smaller scale as I
remember. We spent a lot of time in Graf.
Not much time was spent at the other two
training areas. We burned through a lot of
ammo firing a lot of weapons in
Grafenwoehr. I enjoyed the sessions most
of the time. However, the first year of
winter training was not enjoyable. Bravo-
22 did not have a functioning heater in it.
It took some real scavenging by SSgt.
Spaulding to finally get one for our tank.
One winter’s night of training, at Graf, we
were on watch. The crew took turns
standing up in the tank commander’s cop-
ula pulling our shifts. It had to have been
well below freezing that night. On
my shift I stood my watch standing up in my
sleeping bag. The next morning the sun
rose bright and warmed us up a bit. All
that metal on Bravo-22 worked well as a
conductor of cold. We heard the sound of
an approaching Armored Personnel
Carrier (APC) that morning.

It turned out to be a Brigadier
General’s personal rig. As the back hatch
opened we could see the steam wafting
out as warm air hit cold air; the general
stepped out looking warm and neat. Rank
requires heat. We did get our heater even-
tually. Later we found a great place to
heat up our C-Rations; use the tank heater
exhaust pipe to super heat your food.
According to a news article I have from the
3rd Infantry Division’s newspaper,
Frontline, dated December 19, 1966, we
trained in “tank-gunnery exercises in
preparation for Tank Crew Qualification
Course (TCQC).” To get to any of the
three training sites we had to road march
from Ready Barracks down to the
Aschaffenburg rail yards. We loaded
those 54 ton vehicles onto flat cars, then
tied them down with cable and buckles
for a safe ride to a training site. It was
a bit tricky loading as the rail cars were not
as wide and our tanks; about half a track
width over hung the car on each side as
we loaded them. These train loads usually
moved at night. I do remember a few day
movements too. I remember sleeping on
an overhead luggage rack on one night
trip.

Located not too far from our barracks
was our “Alert Site.” It wasn’t far outside
the small community of Schweinheim
which we had to drive through to the alert
site. Alerts were a part of life – an alert
would be called, day or night, and we
grabbed our personal equipment, half ran,
half walked down to the tanks, jumped on
and into our tanks then rolled out of
Ready Barracks down through
Schweinheim and out to our alert site. We
would stay there until the alert ended.
Sometimes overnight. There were times
Schweinheim wouldn’t fair well with all
our tank and vehicle traffic. I recall a
main gun barrel knocking out some bricks
on a corner house. Sometimes, during an
exceptional winter, we would slide a bit
through the community on those slick,
cobbled streets. OTJ winter driving
lessons I guess. I remember one day sit-
ting at the alert site and on top of the tank
(I was usually inside as a gunner), it was
clear and sunny. We had heard a jet flying
around our area. Before we could say
“look” we got buzzed by a German Air
Force F-104 jet. He came down right on
top of us and as he pulled up the jet
exhaust blew our radio antennas around
and some uniform items off the tank. We
felt the jet engine heat as well. I’m glad
the pilot didn’t bury that jet into the
ground. The F-104s didn’t have a great
reputation back then. Research shows that
the year before, 1965, 27 Starfighters
crashed with 17 casualties.

Our particular barracks had two
German civilian workers who serviced
the needs of the troops of both Companies
B and C. One I remember well, our bar-
er, Altons “Al” Kummel. Al became a
friend of sorts. He was in the German
Army during WWII. Ended up being cap-
tured by the Russians on the Eastern front
and was imprisoned. He said the only
thing that saved his life was his skill as a
barber. The other fellow was posted on
the opposite end from Al in our barracks
and he did all our “tailoring” work. He
sewed on the patches and rank as well as
any tailoring or alterations of uniforms.
There were other civilians in Ready
Barracks too. There were the older fel-
lovers who operated the uniform and acces-
soy shop down by battalion headquar-
ters. Now and then German civilians
would show up to collect our mess hall
wet waste. The Honey Wagon we called
it. They used it for animal food we were
told. Good enough for us, good enough
for the pigs.

To be continued in the December Watch on the
Rhine.
Korean War

By Jim Miller

Part 1

The G.I. Bill was probably one of the most important events of my life. It allowed me to graduate from college, the first one in my family.

ROTC was started at Bowling Green State University when I was a junior. The first two years were not required for WWII vets. I graduated with honors in ROTC and was commissioned a 2nd Lt, Artillery. (BGSU instructed the Advanced Course basically in Artillery fundamentals.)

After a short assignment at Ft. Bragg, I was ordered to Korea. After a few brief stops in Japan and Pusan, I found myself on a train headed North on April 1, 1951. Everybody was very apprehensive as we moved up toward the front. Somebody came through the train and told us the war was not really over, but they'd signed a truce. Everybody was ecstatic and then somebody let out the word that it was an April fool’s joke.

We finally arrived at 3rd Division Rear in a town called Suwon. There were several lieutenants who were to be assigned to various artillery battalions. It should be noted: at this time the U.S. Army was segregated. All-black units were usually commanded by white officers, although there were some black junior officers, but not many.

I was assigned to the 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. All of our guns were mounted on tracked vehicles while the other battalions’ guns were mounted on wheels and towed by trucks. Also, the 58th was an all-black battalion. This would be a new experience for me. I had never served with black troops before and didn’t know what to expect.

When I arrived at the battery position, the battery commander informed me that I was going to be a forward observer. This didn’t surprise me since most forward observers were Second Lieutenants. He pointed to a jeep nearby with four black soldiers and told me that was my crew. I don’t think they looked too happy to be getting a brand new, green lieutenant who might not know enough to stay alive.

After I met all the men, I told them I had seen combat in World War II as an infantryman so I had some idea what war was about. I told my Reconnaissance Sergeant that I would rely on his knowledge of communications and operations until I got a feel of what was going on.

As it turned out, we got along very well. I never asked them to do what I wasn’t willing to do, and they stuck by me and we worked as a team. I never got used to the music; there was always a portable radio playing the latest music.

A few months later the U.S. Army integrated by order of President Truman. It was a wise move and it benefited the armed forces.

The next day we were assigned to our company. Every infantry company had a Second Lieutenant forward observer, and they assigned me to Company F 65th Infantry. The 65th Infantry was a Puerto Regiment that normally served as a National Guard outfit. When the Third Division got ready to go overseas, they only had two infantry regiments that were active. They didn’t have a third in order to save money when we were in that post-World War II era, so they had to scrounge around and get another infantry regiment, which turned out to be the Puerto Rican outfit. They were assigned to the Third Division, and they got the 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion as direct support artillery. The 58th and the 65th matched together and that’s where I wound up, attached to Company F 65th Infantry.

I went to the company and was told we were moving out tomorrow. I told the company commander that I didn’t have a lot of experience shooting artillery. He told me not to worry and that if I couldn’t do it, they’d show me how. I thought to myself, “Yeah, well maybe you will and maybe you won’t!”

The next day, our jeeps were left behind and we began walking, heading north. It was quite an experience; because, although I had been in combat before, this was a little bit different. We were in hilly country and we went from hill-to-hill and when we got on top of one hill, we sent scouts up to the next hill and then the rest of the guys went up. We got to this one hill and they decided they were going to go down on a ridge, and they wanted to have me put a little artillery preparatory fire down there.

We had gone into Korea so quickly that we didn’t have the normal maps that the military uses. Military maps are printed in colors. Green stands for vegetation, blue for water, red and black for roads, black also stands for houses, and brown are contour lines. They didn’t have enough time to make the colored maps, so they just took the colored maps and evidently made photo copies of them: everything was in black and white. We couldn’t really tell where a road was, where a river was, which helps us locate ourselves. I wasn’t really sure where I was, so when I sent the coordinates to the artillery battalion, they asked me if I was sure that was where I wanted the round to go. I told them that, “yes, that’s where I wanted it to hit, though maybe they better make it a white phosphorous round.” I didn’t want a high explosive landing right next to me. Little did I know, WP is a killer too! They gave me a white phosphorous round. It will be easy to see where the round lands. Way out about a thousand yards I see this plume of smoke coming up and the company commander said, “What the hell are you doing, Miller?” I said, “I gave them the wrong coordinates, I guess!” I can still remember my first fire command in Korea was something like, “left five hundred, drop five hundred yards,” which means go left five hundred yards and drop five hundred yards. Time went by and I got so I knew where I was and I could read the map.

About three or four o’clock in the afternoon, we would stop and everybody would dig foxholes, set up our machine guns and defensive fields of fire. We stayed alert during the night and moved forward the next day.

One night we stopped and the platoons were reporting enemy probes. They actually came in and jumped over the trenches and foxholes that our men were in. The
Discipline in the ROK outfits was really tough. Stories circulated that for serious offenses; the offender was brought out in front of the assembled company and shot in the head by the company commander. I never saw that happen.

platoon commander said, "Don't fire any artillery. They're right on top of us." I had to wait until the enemy started to retreat so that I could get some artillery fire on them. That was my introduction into close combat at night and it got to be a common thing.

We kept moving forward until we got up above the 38th parallel, which was a big deal, because the 38th parallel was the border between North and South Korea. We finally advanced well beyond the 38th parallel, and we still hadn't run into any strong enemy formations. We had a little probing action at night, but we had no big attacks, and I began to wonder what this war was going to be like. I got word to report to battalion headquarters. The battalion executive officer said, "When you come into the battalion, you said you had done some survey work back at Fort Bragg. Our survey officer is rotating back to the States, and we need somebody to take over the survey section. So you are going to have to do the job." I thought, "Okay, that's a good deal!"

About two nights later, on April 22nd, the Chinese hit us in force. I was back in the BN HQS. All guns were firing continuously, which meant the attack was serious. Ammo supplies were getting low. I was sent to another BN to get a truck load of ammo, a rather important job for a new comer. Ammo was picked up and delivered.

The next day my job was to go to specific locations at our rear on the map and establish the exact locations for each firing battery and provide exact map coordinates. In order for artillery to fire accurately it is necessary to know exactly where each battery is located on the map. It was my job to calculate these coordinates. Survey crews are normally provided with printed forms on which the survey data is recorded. Knowing angles and distances, using basic trigonometry, and logarithms, coordinates could be easily calculated. Somehow, the printed forms were lost or misplaced in the confusion of retreat (or should I say "retro-grade movement"?). It was up to me to remember my trigonometry and how to use logarithms to calculate these coordinates. We went out daily as we moved slowly south toward Seoul.

A few days before we got to Seoul, another forward observer was needed for an infantry company that had lost their own. I was available. I was given a jeep, radio, and three men and told to locate this company and act as a forward observer until relieved.

We were moving south on the road to Seoul. American troops were on the left side of the road and a British infantry battalion was on the right side. Evidently, the Chinese used this road as a boundary line for their attack. The main force of their attack was directed at the British. They were eventually surrounded. We were not able to assemble a force in time to save them. Lucky for us, we were not hit in force as we continued our movement to Seoul.

As we neared Seoul, our commanders decided to make a stand just north of Seoul. The Chinese had run out of steam and had taken severe casualties. After a week or so, we began limited attacks to the north. We finally arrived in a town called Chorwon. It was totally destroyed. Beyond Chorwon was a flat, broad valley maybe 10 miles long by three miles wide. The surrounding mountains were occupied by the Chinese. This was Chorwon Valley.

After a period of time the company for which I was acting as forward observer was placed in reserve. Because artillery support is vital to combat operations, it generally does not go into reserve. It continues to fire missions in support of troops in the front lines. Accordingly, I and my crew were sent up to support a Republic of Korea (ROK) battalion. I was not impressed with the fighting abilities of the ROKs and had heard stories of their failures.

As I remember, only one person, the company commander, spoke English – and not very well. I decided that I had to get a feeling for whether he was a fighter or a runner. I had a bottle of whiskey and some crackers that we shared at that first evening. He tried to convince me how much he hated Communism and how much he wanted to fight the Chinese. My private thoughts were that he talked a good game, but would he fight?

To return the social favor, he told me we would meet again the next night and he would provide the refreshments. When we met the next night, he told me that he had sent one of his men to Seoul to get some Korean whiskey. I had been warned to avoid Korean whiskey as it was sometimes made with the wrong kind of alcohol and it would make you go blind. It was a very delicate situation for me to refuse to drink his whiskey. I finally made him understand that I had too much to drink the night before and didn’t want to drink any Old Tiger tonight. He probably still remembers me as that wimp American F.O.

Discipline in the ROK outfits was really tough. Stories circulated that for serious offenses; the offender was brought out in front of the assembled company and shot in the head by the company commander. I never saw this happen, but I did see one soldier receive punishment. He had two sandbags filled with sand and tied together by a rope which was hung around his neck. He was severely chastised by the company commander as he paraded in front of the troops. I’m sure he felt lucky that he wasn’t being shot.

I stayed with the Koreans for about a week and we experienced no attacks. When I was finally sent back to my own battalion, I felt more secure with American troops.

It wasn’t too long before we were ordered back to the front. Relief of a unit on the line is a very dangerous situation if not done right. If the enemy finds out a relief is taking place and decides to attack, our soldiers are not really ready to defend properly. We moved into position about two a.m. I was sent with a platoon of infantry to an outpost about three hundred yards to the front of our main lines. When I finally found the old F.O.’s hole, he told me to wait until morning since he had been up all night adjusting artillery and needed sleep.

To be continued in the December Watch.
Combat Infantry, WWII

By Alejandro Castillo

[Combat Infantry WWII. A vanishing breed, and a most honorable one, is the WWII Combat Infantryman. “Follow me!” is the cry of those who served in the greatest job in the history of the world. The United States Combat Infantry. The narrative following is by “Role” Castillo as reported to his son, Society Member Alex Castillo.]

Alejandro (Role) Castillo was a combat rifleman during WWII. He served with the 3rd Infantry Division, 15th Regiment. It was the same Division that WWII hero Audie L. Murphy served in, as well as TV star, James Arness, of “Gunsmoke” (Matt Dillion). Alejandro, a Texan, was drafted while working in Bakersfield, California. He was staying with his two cousins, Tomas and Alejandro Mireles. It was during the Great Depression, and one had to go wherever one could find work. He was inducted into the Army in Los Angeles, California, on October 12, 1941, and was first sent to Camp Roberts, California, then to Fort Ord, California. From Ft Ord, the Army sent him to Ft. Lewis, Washington. There, he received further infantry training and was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division.

In May or June 1942, the Division was sent to San Diego for amphibious training. Alejandro and his fellow soldiers were trained in how to disembark the large ships into smaller landing craft and how to assault beaches. The 3rd then returned to Ft. Lewis. In September 1942, the Division travelled east to Camp Picket, Virginia. The training received was quite useful when the 3rd Infantry Division invaded Sicily.

Alejandro remembers, “We were moving forward and coming upon a small farmhouse. My squad moved to the right of the farmhouse where there were some woods. Another squad (John E. Luttrell’s squad) moved toward the farmhouse and a third squad moved to the left of the house where there were also some woods. As my squad entered the woods, we were told to slow down and hold for a while. For some reason, Luttrell’s squad went inside the house; in less than a minute the farmhouse was destroyed by German 88mm artillery. There was nothing left but rubble, and the entire squad was killed. There were probably eight or nine soldiers in that squad. An officer came and told a sergeant to go and check to see if anyone was alive. The sergeant took off running and came back and told him they were all dead. He brought back some rifles he had found. It was obvious that the Germans had zeroed in on that farmhouse and one of their forward observers had seen our men go inside the house.

Later in Sicily, it was my turn to be first scout, known as the “point man.” We could see a small town ahead and my sergeant said to go scout the town for any enemy activity. I knew I was the bait, but that’s just the way it was. I carefully entered the town looking for anything suspicious. To my surprise there was not a soul around. There was not a sound; no dog; no cat. I think there was not even a bird. Complete silence and emptiness. Like a ghost town. I checked carefully, but nothing. A second scout was about 75 yards behind me. I signaled to him, nothing, all clear. The company came through, and we proceeded to our next objective. When I was about 11 or 12 years old, I was sitting in front of our house and a strange thought came to me. For some reason, I started to wish I could see a town that was completely deserted. I wanted, someday, to see a ghost town. Wow! How things work out in life.

On another day, as we were advancing, about fifty yards in front of me, a soldier stepped on a landmine. That soldier and another were killed instantly. They were good friends. I can remember one was much taller than the other. If you have seen the movie, “Patton,” you know how badly General Patton wanted to get to Messina before the British Army General Bernard Montgomery. Patton was driving the American forces pretty hard and the average foot soldier was paying for it with his blood. In July or August 1943, we came under attack by artillery, machine-guns, mortars, and more. We were taking cover when I saw four men carrying a wounded soldier and coming in my direction. I noticed that they were carrying the wounded soldier face down. When they passed right by me, I realized that it was Rodolfo Rodriguez of Brackettville. Wow! One of the fellow Texans in the 15th Regiment. I could see that Rodolfo was badly wounded. He had blood coming out of his throat and neck area. Later, my son asked if I knew the Antu family. It turns out that Rodolfo was their cousin. They called him “la garganta de oro,” which means “the throat of gold.” My son asked Antu if he knew that Rodolfo was the man who was wounded in the throat in WWII. He said, “That’s the man.” The last time I saw Rodolfo was in 1980–81; he came to my house and I introduced him to my son. We had a good time talking about the old days.

Another time while in Sicily, our company was moving forward. As we approached a small village, I noticed a small crowd and a commotion. Some other unit had gotten there before us. Apparently a local man had been caught cutting our communications lines. There was an Army officer loudly asking some soldiers if they were sure this man was cutting the lines. They answered, “Yes Sir, we saw him cutting the lines.” The officer asked again and got the same answer. The officer, who I believe was a major or above, pulled out his .45 pistol and shot the man in the head. End of discussion. That’s what happened to Nazi collaborators. I am sure the man had family and friends witnessing his death. After 38 straight days of combat, the Sicilian campaign came to an end. The 3rd Infantry Division was finally able to take a break. There were only four of us left in my squad. I had made friends with other soldiers of the 15th Regiment. One day, I went out looking for them to see what they were up to. I did not find any of them. I could not believe it. I felt very sad, and looking back, I think that was when I started to believe, I was not going to make it out of the war without either getting killed or wounded.”

[Next issue, Alejandro, now 98 years old, will tell us about Italy]

Snowbirds: If you maintain two residences, please send Rich Heller a note of call him with the date when you will change your active mailing address. If this is not done, your Watch on the Rhine will not be forwarded, and the Society will have to pay return postage fees for the returned document. Rich Heller’s contact information is on page 2.
The Outpost #1 meeting on 27 May 2015, in Coopers Corner, in Bloomingdale, Illinois, started with a social gathering. Attending the meeting were members Bill Byrnes, Mary Fran Collier, Edward Dybala, Richard Heller, Richard Koepke, Richard Longfellow, Carl Qualeatti, Phil Quarnstrom, and Charles Stonis. President Longfellow called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. We then introduced ourselves with our time in service or how we were connected to a member of the 3rd Infantry Division.

The 2015-2016 Outpost #1 officers are Richard Longfellow, President; William “Bill” Byrnes, Vice President, and John Spratt, Secretary/Treasurer.

We discussed our next meeting in September on either a Saturday or Sunday with the possibility of 3 different locations: The current location at Coopers Corner; Spavones, 266 W Lake Street, Bloomingdale, or some other locations. [See “Calendar of Upcoming Events.”]

Outpost #1 members who attended the Annual Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina were Peter Grafner, Richard Heller, and Richard Longfellow.

Outpost #1 money prior to this meeting included $2,600.03 in Savings and $682.06 in the Checking. The meals cost was $122.99 leaving a balance of $559.07. Additional expenses to be paid yet are postage charges of $82.00.

After lunch, we took two vehicles to the 1st Infantry Division Museum in the Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois, a couple of blocks from the Coopers Corner Restaurant. If a person is a veteran, he can apply for a lifetime pass to the park. The only cost to enter the park is a $5.00 parking fee if you don’t have a lifetime pass. Edward Dybala had one and he passed out the applications to get one to everyone that went on this trip. We got maps of the park in the welcome center and we took a group photos beside the Infantryman Monument outside of the Welcome Center. The walk to the museum was interesting as there are a number of tanks and a personnel carrier on display.

Upon entering the museum, we went through the history of the 1st Infantry Division section of the museum. Outside that section were displays about our military prior to World War I. There were several displays showing what WWI battlefields looked like with the bunkers, tunnels, and other components of battle. We were following a group of students on a guided tour so we were able to hear parts of what the tour guide said. In the WWII section, we saw different battlefields, beach landings, winter fighting, and other aspects of WWII. The Vietnam section was brief, but on the other side of the museum there is a much larger display of the Vietnam War. The final section was on Iraq and Afghanistan. After this tour of over two hours, it was decided to see the Vietnam War section sometime in the future.

We returned to Coopers Corner for everyone to get their vehicles for their trip home after some more visiting in the parking lot. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meeting and tour, and all were looking forward to the September meeting.

—Submitted by President Richard Longfellow

Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 11:00 AM at the Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102nd Avenue, in Bushnell, Florida, to view our memorial there. We will then have lunch at Sonny’s BBQ, 2684 WC 48, in Bushnell. Outpost 2 will pay for lunch for members and their guests! Website: sonnysbbq.com.
Keep in touch; your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Rock of the Marne!
—Submitted by Robert Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer

Lattie Tipton
Columbia, SC

Fellow members of OP#3: Greetings from Columbia, SC, the home of Ft. Jackson (where some of you may have served). I am pleased and flattered that I have been selected to be your outpost president. As you may have read in my bio, my time with the Marne Division was spent in the 15th Infantry in the beautiful town of Kitzingen, Germany. Serving in the 3rd I.D. was both a pleasure and a privilege.

In the coming days, I look forward to meeting each of you and sharing memories of our time as Marne members and women. Gabe has outlined an achievable goal in terms of the frequency with which we get together. We’ll be soliciting your ideas as to time and place. Keep reading your Watch on the Rhine for details. I look forward to our Outpost’s first meeting. ROTM

—Submitted by Chris Timmers, President

Greeting Fellow Members of Outpost #3: Some months ago, a call went out to members of Outpost #3 for volunteers to serve as President and Secretary/Treasurer, to take over the duties and responsibilities of these positions from Bob Farrington who, I am sad to say, is not in the best of health. I am glad to inform you that after a long wait, these two positions are now filled. Chris Timmers volunteered to serve as our President and I volunteered to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of Outpost #3.

About myself: my name is Gabriel “Gabe” Guevara. I was born inside the US Naval Base-Sangley Point in the Philippines. My Dad (deceased) served 20 years with the US Navy and my Mom is a retired pharmacist. I went to college in the Philippines and have a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. I enlisted in the Army in May 1975 and served as a Pfc-Sp4 in Aschaffenburg, Germany with the 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, from Sept. 1975 to Aug. 1977. I completed 20 years’ service with the US Army and am currently working for the U.S. Food & Drug Administration as a Consumer Safety Officer here in Charleston, South Carolina. I joined the Society in Long Beach, CA in 2006. My wife, Percy, and I have two sons and four grandkids.

Our Outpost #3 new President is Chris Timmers. His letter appears above. At this time, my plan for our Outpost is to have at least 1 get together for luncheon/dinner meeting every 6 months (lunch or dinner to be paid for by Outpost fund).

I am soliciting from each of you a desirable date and a desirable location to hold our first meeting/get together luncheon or dinner and to celebrate Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Christmas Holidays all in one meal. We will decide on the date and location that is acceptable to the majority. At this first Outpost meeting/luncheon, we can discuss Outpost business, future plans, but most likely we will just meet each other, tell stories, reminiscence about our time in the Army, enjoy the meal and beers, and provide some news and photos to The Watch on the Rhine “Outpost News.” Please provide Chris and me your input, suggestions, and ideas on how you would like to run our Outpost.

Also, please provide me with any changes, with regards to your contact information (mailing address, tel #, and email address). Please do not hesitate to call, text, or drop me a few words at my email address below. Cellphone # 562-355-6634; Primary email address: Gabriel.guevara@lda.hhs.gov; Alternate email address: gabrielpuevarra85@yahoo.com

—Submitted by Gabe Guevara, Secretary-Treasurer

George G. Frost
NY & North East

On July 11th, Outpost #5 held its summer meeting and luncheon at the Courtyard Marriott in Mahwah, New Jersey. We started a little later than scheduled because another member and I had a little difficulty locating the hotel. We shared a substantial lunch, consisting of sandwiches, wraps, salads, and bags of different types of chips. There were also desserts of cakes and cookies. Plenty of water, soda, coffee and tea were also available.

After lunch, President Bart Viruso called the meeting to order and the Pledge was recited. Bart brought the members up to date with what is happening within the OP. The biggest question was where and when to hold our next meeting since our outpost is so large and spread out over many states. It’s difficult to come up with a location where we can maximize the number of members who will attend. Joe Todisco and Joe Herron are trying to decide where it will be. Members will be notified by postcards, emails, notifications in the Watch and on the website when a meeting location is determined. We also celebrated the 87th birthday of one of our members and a past President of the Society, John Fisher. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, John. May you have many more.

On another note, many members are unable to attend meetings because of distance, unable to drive long distances, and so forth. Maybe another member who is coming can contact someone in his area and bring him/her to the meeting. It’s just a thought and would be a nice gesture. Think about it. The meeting was adjourned. Although the meeting was sparsely attended, a good time was had by all.

Update: Outpost #5 will hold its last meeting/luncheon of the year on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 12 noon, at the Holiday Inn, 7736 Adrienne Dr., Breinigsville, Pennsylvania (Lehigh Valley), 18031. The phone number is 610-391-1000. For members who would like to stay overnight, the room rate will be $104.00 for OP #5 members. We will be having a sit down luncheon before the meeting. There will be a choice of entrees. The cost of the meeting/luncheon is $20.00 per person. Please forward your check made out to the Society of the 3rd Inf. Div., OP #5 and mail to Al Julia, Treasurer, OP #5, 278 Baywood Dr., Baiting Hollow, NY 11933. Please include with your check, a contact phone number and/or email address where I can contact you in a few weeks, for your meal choice. Looking forward to a good turnout as we end another year. Rooms reserved at the hotel for Outpost #5 guests: call 610-391-1000 and ask for reservations or use the link below to reserve rooms online. The start date is 12/11/15 for special room rates. http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/breinigsville/ablev/hotelDetail?groupCode=ST1

Submitted by Al Julia, Treasurer

Charles D. King
Michigan

Outpost #13: Outpost #13 will have its fall meeting on Saturday, October 10th at noon at Bakers of Milford. The restaurant is located on Milford Road three miles north of Exit 155 of Highway I-96.

Submitted by Gordon W. Draper, Vice President

Audie L. Murphy

Outpost #35 held its summer meeting on July 18, 2015, hosted by Justin Valle at Golden Corral in The Colony, Texas. Those in attendance included Joe and Lynn Ball, Henry Bodden, Bob Dalton, Paul Grabert, Lance Long and son, Dallas; Gordon and Dorothy Lowery and daughter, Diane Lundberg, and granddaughter, Letah Lundberg, Linda and Jim Reeves, Sue Sack and daughter, Peggy Malloy, Justin Valle, and Dick and Deveny Wells. Several members could not attend due to illness or family business. It was a wonderful meeting with much camaraderie.

At 11:00 AM the meeting began with a social hour, followed by lunch. Joe Ball called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. Justin Valle delivered the Invocation and Joe Hilderbrand led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; everyone sang “Doughface Soldier.” Justin Valle drew Dick Wells name for the door prize; however, Dick said to draw another name as he has won in the past. Lynn Ball drew Henry Bodden’s name for the photo album with the 3rd I.D. Patch mounted on the cover. Joe Ball led introductions of all attendees. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written.

Adding to the social hour was Henry Bodden’s wonderful display of photographs and memorabilia of the recent tour he hosted to Europe. We were fortunate to hear Henry’s talk about the tour. He also provided some information about upcoming tours. We reviewed Henry’s book In the Footsteps of Valor: A Personal Diary of WW2—then and now in October 2012. It is a wonderful book. If you want a copy, you can obtain it from Henry Bodden at 918-376-9417 or emailing him at hebodden@gmail.com or go to his website: www.inthefootstepsofvalor.com The book contains hundreds of color photographs of then and now. The price is $34.95, including postage. Dick and Deveny Wells donated one of Henry’s books to the Scholarship Foundation for its next raffle.

L-R, Front Row: Lynn and Joe Ball, Gordon Lowery, Henry Bodden, Peggy Malloy, Sue Sack, Lucia Hilderbrand, and Dallas Long. Back row: Dick and Deveny Wells, Diane Lundberg, Dorothy Lowery, Bob Dalton, Paul Grabert, Jim Reeves, Linda Reeves, Joe Hilderbrand, and Lance Long. (Missing from this photo is our photographer, Justin Valle.)

Next on the agenda was Joe’s Reports followed by the Secretary-Treasurer’s Report. Longer versions are available upon request.

MG Murray was replaced as 3rd Division Commanding General on Saturday, 8/1/15, by MG James E. Rainey; Combat Action Badge (A summary of requirements for obtaining the badge); Army announces force structure decisions included an article on the reduction of the size of the Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard of the U.S. Army; description of some of the changes involved in the reduction; Budget constraints are necessitating the reduction in force.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report:

Membership: Lynn covered a summary of membership and stated that some members who have not yet paid dues for fiscal 2015-2016.

Recruitment: Throughout the Society, we need to bring new members into our organizations and cited our latest new member: Col. Gerald A. Wilcomb (spouse, Doreen), of Georgetown, Texas (Korea 52-53). We hope to see the Wilcomb’s at a meeting soon. Update: Eileen Hill joined us in August. Lynn reviewed Joe’s greeting card program and urged those who are not receiving birthday and anniversary cards to send their dates for themselves and spouses to Joe. Under “Taps,” the good news is that we have not lost any members during the past two months; however, after the meeting we were saddened to learn of RB Sanford’s passing.
Reunions: Lynn mentioned that there are several items in the August Watch that explain a bit about what happened at the reunion. She thanked Jude Grabert for her help at the reunion. 2016 and 2017 Society reunions are listed in “The Calendar of Upcoming Events.”

Stories for the Watch: The August Watch includes a brief bio of our Judge Advocate Harvey Sladkus; Lynn will run bios of our Executive Committee members if they send them to her. She also requested articles and photographs for publication in the Watch. They can be hand-written. Lynn will do the keystrokes and edit where necessary.

Scholarship Foundation Highlights: The 2015 Raffle drawing was on May 25th. Except for the weapons, all prizes were shipped to recipients on May 26th. Ownership has been transferred to two of those who won weapons; however, the third recipient has not responded to our instructions for transfer of the weapon.

Also completed is the selection of this year’s scholarship grant recipients. We had nine winners. Their awards of $1000.00 each have been paid to their student accounts at the universities they specified. The next deadline for applications is June 1, 2016. Please have your offspring send their submissions as early as possible.

Treasurer’s Report: Currently, we have sufficient funds to continue outpost business as usual through December. We thank everyone who has sent donations to enable us to send mailings to all members of Outpost #35. In a perfect world, we like to send 10 communications per year (including anniversary and birthday cards). Joe’s greeting card program is at his own expense.

Fall Outpost Meeting: Outpost #35 will hold its fall meeting, hosted by Jude and Paul Grabert, at Babin’s Seafood House, in The Woodlands, Texas, on October 24th. Members will be sent a meeting invitation and newsletter one month before the meeting. Future meetings are not yet arranged.

Locations for the 2016 spring and summer meetings have been identified. We will go to Abilene, Texas, in the spring for a meeting; Linda and Jim Reeves will host a meeting in San Antonio at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club in the summer. More details will be provided when available.

Meeting Closure: The meeting closed at 2:45 PM with a motion by Jim Reeves, seconded by Paul Grabert; Justin Valle then delivered the Benediction.

Submitted by Lynn Ball, Secretary-Treasurer

Western Reserve

Outpost #57 Western Reserve will hold its fall luncheon at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Bellville, Ohio (Exit 165 off I-71) on October 28 at Noon. The cost of the luncheon is $12 per person and there will be a short business meeting following lunch. Rege Rocco will make a brief presentation on his recent experiences in Europe on the “Band of Brothers” tour this past June. The tour followed the progress of the 101st Airborne Division in Normandy, Belgium (Operation “Market Garden”), the Battle of the Bulge and, finally, to Berchtesgaden at the end of WWII.

Submitted by Rege Rocco

Joe Anello, my son Owen (16), my grandfather-in-law (LTC Eugene Coogan, Ret), and I enjoyed a lunch at the Castle Rock Café in Castle Rock, Colorado, in July. We talked about past and future vacations and US Army memories. Soon we will start talking about the next OP Hiroshi Miyamura Annual Meeting (May 2016), and we hope that our new members join us for lunch, camaraderie, and conversation. I am enclosing a photo of F. Dennis Schrader (Spc 4 at the time) and Bill Buntrock (Spc 4) in front of the Marne Dog in Wurzburg, Germany, 1989. Schrader and I were both stationed in Schweinfurt.

Submitted by Bill Buntrock, Secretary-Treasurer

F. Denis Shrader (L) and Bill Buntrock in front of the Marne Dog in Wurzburg, Germany, 1989

International

71st Anniversary Commemorations in Southern France August 2015

For the tenth year, Outpost International participated in commemorative activities in Southern France honoring Operation Dragoon and the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division. It was a very full program with 50 ceremonies, luncheons, and banquets in a 21-day period. We are happy to report the French citizens in all the towns we visited continue to fondly remember the Dogface Soldiers of August 1944 and showed us every kindness as your representatives.

The Outpost participated in ceremonies in Ramatuelle, St Tropez, and Cogolin on 15 August. Society and outpost member Jean Louis Macault placed a wreath at the Cogolin ceremony. The day ended with a concert and a fireworks display.

The next ceremony was in Le Luc on 17 August. We met a German Army Officer at the ceremony, LTC Luettiger, who serves as head of the German component and deputy base commander at the helicopter training base outside Le Luc.

Please turn to page 23
To the President and the Executive Committee of The Society of the Third Infantry Division:

I have reviewed the accompanying Statements of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances of The Society of the Third Infantry Division for the year ended June 30, 2015. My review consisted of examining on a test basis, the cash receipts and disbursements, as well as, the cancelled checks, deposits, bank statements, bank reconciliations, general ledger, and the resulting statements.

Based on my review of the aforementioned documentation, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying statements in order for them to present fairly the financial activity and financial conditions of the Society of the Third Infantry Division for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Society of the Third Infantry Division
Statement Of Cash Receipts & Disbursements And Fund Balances
For The Year Ending 30 June 2015

Cash Receipts:
Annual Dues $26,530
Watch Advertising $460
Life Membership Dues $1,017
Raffle Tickets $11,109
Interest $273
Roster Income $3,642
General (Halt) Fund (Includes Decals) $1,144
Memorial Fund $639
Scholarship Foundation $1,506
Monument Fund $312
Gift Memberships $60
Misc. $20
Total Receipts From Operations $46,712

Cash Disbursement:
Watch Printing & Postage $20,647
Headquarters Expense $287
Raffle Expense $4,175
Annual Dues Cards Expense $1,124
Membership Cards $1,000
Roster Printing & Postage $5,563
Watch Editor Expense $218
Membership Info. & Ads $282
Awards $866
Memorials $700
Website Expenses $1,238
Outposts Dues & Donations $5,123
Roster Management $141
Reunion Expense Allowance $2,900
Scholarship Foundation $1,533
President’s Discretionary $310
Reunion Emergency Fund $1,386
Bank Fees $443
Misc. Expense $551
Total Disbursements From Operations $48,162

Disbursements In Excess Of Receipts $(1,450)

Fund Balance - July 1, 2014
Checking Account (Per Wsfs Statement) $11,968
Less Outstanding Checks $3,825
Wsfs Balance Less Outstanding Checks (0207499989) $8,144
Wsfs Small Business Core Savings (0496977828) $19,578
Wsfs Small Business Core Savings (0498144880) $33,767
Wsfs Community Core Savings (0468726443) $4,520
Certificate Of Deposit - Maturing 9/15/14 $31,044
Certificate Of Deposit - Maturing 12/29/14 $12,908
Certificate Of Deposit - Maturing 6/16/16 $11,417
Subtotal $121,477
Adjustment For Wsfs Service Charges During Fiscal Year 2015 $57 $121,420

Fund Balance - June 30, 2015
Wsfs Balance Less Outstanding Checks (0207499989) $348
Checking Account (Per Chase Statement) $85,863
Less Outstanding Checks $2,658
Checking Account Less Outstanding Checks $83,206
SAVINGS ACCOUNT $ -
Certificate Of Deposit Wsfs - Maturing 6/16/16 $11,417
Certificate Of Deposit - Edward Jones - Maturing 11/5/19 $25,000 $119,870

Interesting Views
Once, villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.
That’s FAITH.

When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her.
That’s TRUST.

Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up.
That’s HOPE.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.
That’s CONFIDENCE.

We see the world suffering, but still we get married.
That’s LOVE.

On an old man’s shirt was written a cute sentence, “I Am not 72 Years Old... I Am Still 16 with 56 years’ experience.”
That’s ATTITUDE.

Stephen M. Sullivan
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National Auditor
August 23, 2015
Reviewed by Lynn Ball

Command of Honor: General Lucian Truscott's Path to Victory in World War II, by H. Paul Jeffers, is very well written and covers every aspect of Truscott’s many commands in WWII. The reader literally walks in Truscott’s steps as battle-after-battle is fought. The writer includes information about the performance of other commanders, why some were promoted or replaced. There were a few poor officers who remained in their commands too long.

The book includes an excellent “Index,” a “Bibliography” of the sources Jeffers used, and a nice section comprised of 30 photographs. It does not, however, have any maps. Maps would have been useful in tracking the progress of Truscott’s various commands as the reader plods along behind him.

The author describes Truscott’s training of troops. His troops were better trained physically than any other Soldiers. The training methods are briefly sketched to include the “Truscott Trot.” Until reading this book, this reader didn’t realize that Truscott was the first to introduce the singing of “Dogface Soldier” by his troops. This is just one of many well-kept secrets that Jeffers reveals. It was not a secret that he built the 3rd Infantry Division into a much envied unit.

Chapter 18 concludes Truscott’s battle command activities. The remaining chapters do an excellent job of describing Truscott’s assignments following his heart attack and first retirement from the Army. With the onslaught of the Korean War, Truscott wanted back into the action, but he was not called up from retirement for that purpose. After the end of WWII, Truscott was heavily involved in managing the occupation army.

There is very useful and enlightening information about the behavior of the Jewish refugees and displaced persons. There is even more enlightening information about the behavior of the Russians after the war and into the Cold War.

A chapter describes Truscott’s activities in connection with the C.I.A. and his relationship with Eisenhower. The final chapter contains much information about his offspring and other relatives. Finally, there is a section at the end of the book entitled “Decorations and Citations.” It describes each award presented to Truscott.

This is an excellent book—very easy to read and contains more true and verifiable information than most books on WWII.

It depicts Truscott as a man who sought no glory or fame. Much evidence shows that he thought the Soldiers (living and dead) deserved all of the glory and fame—as well as our remembrance, admiration, and praise. Truscott gives our American Soldiers all the credit for winning WWII.


The Fires of Babylon: Eagle Troop and the Battle of 73 Easting, by Mike Guardia

Reviewed by Mike “McGeek” McClintock [3rd ID LRRP Detachment Bad Kissingen, W. Germany 1962-64].

My time with the 3rd Infantry Division was during the Cold War. I left Germany in January 1964 and moved on with my life, although I remained interested in what happened while the division was still in Germany. I did not get a lot of answers and over time the division returned to the U.S. only to be deployed during Operation Desert Storm.

Although not directly related to the 3rd ID, I found Mike Guardia’s book to be very informative on what garrison life was like in Germany after the end of the Cold War. Like the excellent Thunder Run by David Zucchino, this book shares the lives of American soldiers as they prepare for combat and deploy to the Persian Gulf, but of what interest to Dog Face Soldiers might this book about an armored cavalry troop in Operation Desert Storm have for us? Several things actually, including the fact that the then-commander of Eagle Troop, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, was a tabbed Ranger (normally an infantry specialty). The leadership skills that Capt. H.R. McMaster learned in Ranger School and imparted to his command were important factors leading to the success of Eagle Troop in the Battle of 73 Easting on the first day of Operation Desert Storm on 26 February 1991. As the leading element of VII Corps' advance into Iraq, Eagle Troop encountered the Tawakalna Brigade of Saddam Hussein’s elite Republican Guard. At the time it was believed that the Soviet military equipment used by the Republican Guard, including the T-72 main battle tank, was superior to the largely unproven U.S. M1A1 main battle tank. The Battle of 73 Easting completely disproved this myth. In less than a half-an-hour the twelve American tanks of Eagle troop destroyed more than 50 Iraqi vehicles, including the vaunted T-72, as they plowed a hole through the Iraqi frontline defenses.

Author Mike Guardia not only carefully researched the Battle of 73 Easting and Eagle Troop’s role in decisively defeating the Iraqi enemy, but also tells the story of the men of Eagle Troop
and their cohesiveness as a unit which he ascribes to Capt. McMaster’s leadership and to the professionalism of the troop’s officers and NCOs. Long before Eagle Troop deployed to the Persian Gulf, McMaster studied the history of armored actions in the desert. From the experiences of field commanders from World War II he came to understand and believe that a successful fighting unit not only needs to be well trained, but also highly motivated. This training and motivation paid off when Eagle Troop surprised the enemy on the morning of 26 February. As McMaster recalled “That surprise and the bold action and teamwork of the Troop’s soldiers contributed to the rout that is now known as the Battle of 73 Easting...The true decisive factor, however, was the American soldier. He is the best at what he does and absolutely dedicated to serving his country...I am grateful that I had the opportunity to serve with them in this action.”

I recommend *Fires of Babylon* for the insight it gives into what it takes to build a well-trained and cohesive unit, and how important good leadership is to unit morale and, ultimately, performance.

*Fires of Babylon* was published by Casemate. Its ISBN number is 978-1-61200-292-7. It contains 248 pages in Hardcover, priced at $32.95 and is available from most book sellers, as well as on Kindle.

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On 20 August we participated in ceremonies in the morning, and late afternoon on the outskirts of Aix en Provence where the 30th INF first entered the town. We were happy to meet Society member Sous-Prefet Sergey Goutyron. His excellent speech paid tribute to our great Division and the critically important relationship between France and the United States. The morning of 21 August we participated in Aix-en-Provence’s liberation commemoration. We participated in two ceremonies on 22 August, in Lancon Provence and in Salon de Provence.

There were two ceremonies on 23 August - the first in the morning in Eyguieres and in the evening we were able to participate in Lamanon’s ceremony for the first time in several years. The evening of 24 August we participated in a wonderful commemoration in Cavaillon, which featured a tremendous fireworks display in the market square.

Carpentras held its commemoration on 25 August. Bollene and Orange conducted their ceremonies on 26 August. Bollene’s commemoration was the biggest in the years since the outpost began participating. Numerous military vehicles and reenactors participated in the event. Orange held its event later in the evening.

29 August was the highlight of this outstanding commemorative period as the town of Pierrelatte dedicated a magnificent monument to the 3rd Infantry Division in a new park in town. The town hosted a historical presentation, the ceremony, and an evening banquet and concert—all first-class events. This new monument, beautifully sculpted by Mr. Gilles Navarro, is magnificent. Also on 29 August Tim participated in a commemoration in the village of Sauzet, northeast of Montelimar.

On 30 August we were fortunate to participate in two ceremonies in the beautiful village of Grignan. Our final event of the trip came in Valence on 31 August and was truly unique. We were asked by the amateur baseball team from Valence, Sayens, to participate in the naming ceremony for their baseball field. The ceremony coincided with the city’s liberation day and the mayor, local congressman, numerous color bearers, and representatives of patriotic organizations participated.

Throughout the three-week period we were supported by enthusiastic outpost members and friends of the Society and Division, but there were countless others who made the 71st anniversary commemorations of Operation Dragoon truly memorable.

3rd I. D. Monument in Pierrelatte
George Knight sent two photos of himself in Saint Mark’s Square, Venice. He had attracted the attention of many pigeons. Two were actually sitting on his hands raised to waist height, and one was sitting on his shoulder. You will remember that in a past issue of the Watch, we ran a photo of George with birds sitting on his shoulder. He said he was a “Bird Colonel.” This photo in Saint Mark’s square is labeled, “Demoted to ½ Bird Colonel” (There was only one bird on his shoulder).

Don Bettine wrote: Hi Lynn; just want to thank you for another great issue of the “Watch.” Good assortment of articles covering a lot of history. I am especially touched by the “News from France” to learn how the youngsters are being taught the history of WW II and the role our servicemen (heroes) played in it.

Loretta Morris wrote: Since I joined 3rd ID as an associate member, we have received two copies of the Watch on the Rhine. Read it from cover-to-cover. You do such a great job. Enjoyed seeing the pictures from the reunion. You can delete my name from the mailing list and just send to Marvin. Don’t waste funds on publishing and mailing for me to have a separate copy. [Every member should receive the Watch when there is a ballot in it. This is so every member can vote.]

Bob Barfield wrote: When I returned from Korea I was stationed at Ft Bragg, N.C., 82nd Airborne Division. Units would take turns marching to the main base about five miles from us to stand “Retreat Parade” at sunset as the flag was lowered and “TAPS” was played. Guys would complain about having to get in our class A uniforms and having to march over to where the flag was taken down. I “always” would think of guys who were killed fighting for that flag, and I would try not to show that I had tears coming down my face as “TAPS” was played. As I’d look around, I wasn’t the only one with tears. After we got to the parade ground you’d never know about all the complaining or about having to stand Retreat. Talk about proud!! All our men stood ramrod tall and saluted, I still get chills when I think of it.

John Weis called for another reason, but he included a very nice compliment concerning the August Watch.

Eileen Hill wrote: George passed away on December 8, 2014. I would like to continue to receive The Watch. I look forward to reading it. Thank you for all you do. [Eileen joined our Society on August 14, 2015.]

Joe Mc Roberts wrote a nice compliment about the Watch and more details about his June issue article. We will share his comments at a later date.

John Harrell wrote: “Congrats on the superb publication—each issue. Always look forward to receiving The Watch. Quick work with the articles about Sagebrush and the request for “Looking for...” in the August issue. Hope no one thinks I composed the Sagebrush piece. “Submitted by...” seems to be OK, although I take no credit for it.

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Society Bumper Sticker

The Society has developed and has available a new Society bumper sticker. The new bumper sticker shows the 3rd I.D. Patch, and the Society website address, and it is 3” x 11 1/4”. It is available for a donation to the Society. Please see the Decals Ad elsewhere in this issue. To order a bumper sticker, send your order and donation to Joe Ball, 2010 Worcester Lane, Garland TX 75040-3331. You can contact Joe at 972-495-1704. You can also order Society decals and patches.

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MG James E. Rainey-Bio

On August 1, 2015, MG Rainey accepted command of the 3rd Infantry Division. MG Rainey was commissioned as an Infantry Officer through ROTC at Eastern Kentucky University in 1987. He graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He earned Master’s Degrees in Advanced Military Arts and Science from the School of Advanced Military Studies, and in Public Administration from Troy University.

As a Lieutenant, MG Rainey served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division and later as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

Following the Infantry Advanced Course, he commanded the Long Ranger Surveillance Detachment in the First Cavalry Division and Hotel Company, 3rd United States Infantry (The Old Guard). MG Rainey was then assigned as a Joint Chief of Staff Intern in Washington D.C. His next assignment included Chief of Plans for the 2nd Infantry Division; Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry, and Executive Officer to the III Corps Commander.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom I, he was a G-3 Operations Officer in the V Corps Assault command Post. Following that, he was the Executive Officer of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. He then commanded Task Force 2-7 CAV during Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Following battalion command, General Rainey served as the Chief of War on Terror Plans for U.S. European Command. He next served as the G-3 of the 4th Infantry Division and the Multi-National Division-Baghdad. MG Rainey commanded the 3-4 Heavy Brigade Combat Team at Fort Carson and in Iraq.

After brigade command, he was a Senior Service College Fellow at the United States Army Korbel School of International Relations, Denver University. Following his fellowship, General assumed responsibility as Director, Mission Command Center of Excellence. Prior to his arrival at Fort Benning, he served as the Deputy Commanding General, Regional Command-South, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan. MG James E. Rainey assumed duties as the Infantry School Commandant and Chief of Infantry on August 1, 2014.

MG Rainey’s awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (two oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star (five oak leaf clusters), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), the Joint Service Commendation Medal (oak leaf cluster), the Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Expert Infantryman’s Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

MG John ‘Mike’ Murray: Farewell and Retreat Ceremony

Submitted by Jeff Ashman

The 3rd Infantry Division hosted a Farewell and Retreat Ceremony in honor of Major General and Mrs. John M. Murray at Fort Stewart’s Marne Garden, on August 7, 2015. Just a week earlier the Division’s Change of Command was held in Afghanistan.

The Farewell and Retreat Ceremony was an opportunity for the Murray’s and the community to come together, one last time before the Murray’s deparfs for their new assignment. The typical afternoon thunderstorms that are common during the summer in southern Georgia held off and allowed the sun to shine on a superb ceremony. The field was full of unit colors and soldiers representing every unit in the division.

After the awards presentation by LTG Stephen J Townsend, Commanding General XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, Major General Murray addressed the crowd of Soldiers, government employees, civilians, families, and community leaders that filled the stands. In bidding farewell, MG Murray highlighted how busy the Division was and discussed the many changes the division had gone through during his tenure as the Division Commander. He spoke of how our Dog Face Soldiers served with pride, honor, and distinction on every mission they undertook both in conus and overseas. He thanked the Soldiers, civilians, and the community for all the hard work in making Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield a Community of Excellence and a great place for Soldiers and families to live. He concluded his speech by saying how proud he is to have the privilege, for the rest of his life, to call himself a Dog Face Soldier.

Major General Murray has been confirmed by the United States Senate for appointment to the rank of Lieutenant General and assignment as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8 (Resource Management), United States Army, the Pentagon, and he will receive his third Star when he assumes his duties at the Pentagon.

Center: MG Mike Murray and Mrs. Murray (Jane) at the Farewell and Retreat Ceremony. Photo by Christopher Rich, U.S. Army photo.
Dear Heavenly Father in whom there is no stranger: watch over all our military who are separated from their loved ones, strengthen them in their courageous duty. May there be an end to all of this bloodshed and world strife. Thank you, Father.

I hope that everyone is doing fine just like your Chaplain and his wife Kathy and family. For the 4th of July we had a nice barbecue with lots of Baby Ray’s sauce; we hope everyone had a nice 4th of July and celebrated the freedoms of our great country.

My wife, Kathy, has taken a volunteer position with the Red Cross in the threat of hurricane season. She doesn’t know her position as of yet, but they will let her know if she will be deployed to an area of destruction. I just hope she will be safe. Someone has to help the poor people who are not able to take care of themselves. So in the meantime, the Red Cross has asked her to help them make Christmas stockings for our deployed troops. They will be filled with goodies and shipped to their remote locations. They will be collected by October and as of August 18th she has completed 250 beautiful stockings—just like the ones that you hang on your fireplace. I only wish you could be able to see the colorful ones she has made. She has used all of the material that she has in her stash.

I am now with Outpost #2 here in Florida. It was hard to not be with Outpost #18 Giovanazzo-York, Wisconsin. It was very dear to my heart, since I was there from the first day it started. I will never forget the men and women of Outpost #18. They are very trustworthy and dedicated to the Society of the 3rd. ID. We do not have many WWII members left, but we have many from the Korean War, and we thank the good Lord for what he has given us. Just remember you are what makes this Society strong, so please go to all of your Outpost meetings and the great reunions on which our committee members have spent time and labor for you. Many times at the reunions, I look around to see many people from the Society that I have met many years ago. Sometimes this makes me think of our Outpost meetings—the same people. We need new blood with your ideas so we can keep the Society fresh. Please try to get new members for our Society and remember the soldiers who started the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, in 1919. Please make them proud, and some time we will all meet again in Heaven as our Lord has promised us in the Bible. Thank God that we will stand in judgment and see our Lord. And now a prayer for our Troops:

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe. Embrace us with your tenderness and pour out upon us the power of your love, and fill our world with peace so our brothers and sisters will not be in harm’s way any longer. We pray this in our Lord’s name.

Amen.

Your Chaplain, Jerry Daddato

Prayer for Labor Day

[Jerry and Kathy Daddato sent this “prayer” in mid-August, in anticipation of the September Holiday.]

God, you made the heavens and the earth and your work was good and we praise you; may we continue your good work through our own labor—helping to create your kingdom on earth as well as heaven. We pray on this Labor Day for all those who work, whether in the school, the factory, the mines, the armed services, the business office, government or on the farm, may all workers carry themselves with honor, know the respect of managers, be kept safe from harm and be paid for their work so that they might provide for their families and loved ones.

God, help us not to pit one worker from one nation against those of another nation so that one must suffer as another thrives; rather, help us to create work in concert so that workers of all nations might mutually prosper. Today we also pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed, may they not become discouraged; may they continue to find ways to learn and grow in their time out of work. Help us as a nation to continue to support those who are suffering from loss of employment so that they do not lose heart and home. May those out of work not waiver in their faith, and may meaningful work come quickly, in God’s name we pray.

—Kathy, Charlotte, and Jerry Daddato

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October 10, 2015: Outpost #13 will meet at Bakers of Milford on Saturday, 10 October 2015, at noon. The restaurant is three miles north of Exit 155 off Hwy. I-96.

October 24, 2015: Outpost #35 will hold its fall meeting, hosted by Jude and Paul Grabert, at Babin’s Seafood House, in what is known as The Woodlands, Texas (specifically located at 19529 IH 45, Shenandoah TX 77385). Phone: 281-296-8829. Members will be sent a meeting invitation and newsletter one month before the meeting.

October 28, 2015: Outpost #57 Western Reserve will hold its fall luncheon at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Belleville, Ohio (Exit 165 off I-71) on October 28 at Noon. The cost of the luncheon is $12 per person and there will be a short business meeting following lunch.

November 7, 2015: Outpost #54 will hold its Veteran’s Day luncheon meeting at the Brass Door Restaurant, San Ramon, California. We start gathering at 11:00 AM with lunch at noon.

November 7, 2015: Outpost #22, Southern California, will host its Annual Meeting, at the Flab Bob Airport, 4130 Mennes Ave, Riverside, CA 92509. Meet at 12:00 noon for the 1:00 meeting (under the wing of the DC-3, near the Travis Gammill hanger). Enjoy the live entertainment, military parades, war-bird dogfights, a quality Rod & Custom Car Show, a military tent, and more. Andy Scullion (951)-492-0669; ascotsgrey2@aol.com. Free admission and parking from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

November 11, 2015: Outpost #7 will meet on Veterans Day, November 11, 2015 at 3:30 PM, at Arlington National Cemetery to conduct its traditional wreath ceremonies. Members will gather at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument at 3:30 PM for ceremonies there before moving to the Tomb of the Unknowns for our wreath-laying ceremony at 4:15 PM. Members are urged to attend. For more information, contact John Insani (marneop7@comcast.net) or Pat Williamson (army3rdlvanker@gmail.com).

November 11, 2015: (Date uncertain at this time as Phoenix has not yet announced): Outpost #15 will hold its next meeting at the home of Curtis Gentry, following Outpost #15’s participation in the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. See page 31 for contact information for Curtis Gentry.

December 1, 2015: Outpost #2 will hold its fall meeting at Sonny’s BBQ 2684 W. C 48, Bushnell, Florida. Information about the restaurant is available at www.sonnysbbq.com.

December 12, 2015: Outpost #5 will hold its fall meeting at the Holiday Inn, 7736 Adrienne Dr. Breinigsville, PA (Lehigh Valley). 18031. The phone number is 610-391-1000. For members who would like to stay overnight, the room rate will be $104.00 for OP #5 members. We will have a sit down luncheon before the meeting. There will be a choice of entrees. The cost of the meeting/luncheon will be $20.00 per person. Please forward your check made out to the Society of the 3rd Inf. Div., OP #5 and mail to Al Julia, Treasurer, OP #5, 278 Baywood Dr., Baiting Hollow, NY 11933. Please include with your check, a contact phone number and/or email address where I can contact you in a few weeks, for your meal choice. BE A BUDDY: If there are any members who are coming and can take any other OP #5 members who are unable to come on their own, please ask them if they would like to attend.

September 22-25, 2016: Society of the 3rd Infantry Division 97th Reunion in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.


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It’s not the price you pay to belong, it’s the price you paid to become eligible to join.
Life Members

R. B. Sanford
15INF/TK KOREA SFC
DOD - June 23, 2015 Reported by his son Scott Sanford

Annual Members

Alfred M. Brown
7INF/C WW2 SSGT
DOD - April 26, 2015 Reported by Elizabeth Brown

Emory C. Burkett
DIV/MP CW SSGT
DOD - August 27, 2015 Reported by Faye Cutchin to John Insani

Arnold Fieldman
7INF/ KOREA 1LT
DOD - June 11, 2015 Reported by his wife Sheila Fieldman

Clarence H. Morgan
7INF/ KOREA/May51-Feb53 CPL
DOD - SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 Reported by widow Helen Morgan on 2015 Past Due Card

Richard M. Wittig
10ENG/B WW2/Jan44-Nov45 T5
DOD - June 28, 2015 Reported by his daughter Barbara Ridel

Non Member Passing

Joseph L. Golden, 84, of Irmo, South Carolina, passed away on 03/13/2015. He served as a 1st Lt. with F CO, 2 BN in Korea from February 1953 to October 1953. He was a member of Outpost Harry Association. —Reported by Tom Helzer

So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division to Richard W. Heller, Database Manager (address, p.2) for listing in the “Last Call.”

Reunion Survey Results

The following table shows reunion attendees’ responses to the category evaluated and the number of responses in each level of satisfaction with five (5) being the highest satisfaction rating and one (1) being the lowest satisfaction rating.

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Following are individuals’ comments included with their survey:

Six of those who completed surveys did not attend due to illness. All said they hoped to attend in 2016.

What was the best aspect of the Reunion?
- Meeting old friends and comrades (by far the #1 reason).
- Well organized
- Great hotel

What was the most disappointing aspect of the Reunion?
- Poor Attendance

- Prefer a private room and buffet for the Memorial Breakfast
- Banquets should be held in the host hotel
- Weather was too hot
- Should have an information board with events, times, and locations
- Sound system was poor
- Should have scheduled a stop at Joint Base Charleston

What can be better?
- Limit time allowed for each speaker
- Improve the sound system
- Provide an information board to show events, times, and locations
- Reduce the cost of banquet meals
- Should be guides for tours.

How would you rate the Hospitality Room?
Should be open more hours
- Better assortment of snacks
- Miscellaneous Comments
No complaints; good reunion
- It was over too soon
- I was very pleased with everything
- Everyone did a great job—keep it up
New Members — Society of the 3rd Infantry Division

ANNUAL TO LIFE
8838 JOSEPH ALDAMA
7INF/1ST BTL GRP CW/Sept57-Aug60 E4
Referred by Nille Stuart
OP 22 9047 DONALD L. POLNY
64AR/288/HQ/A C CW/Mar63-Oct65 SP4
Referred by Website
OP 22
8651 HARRY IRVING JR
1/75 RANGER-A/CO, HHC 1/15/3HBCT, 3ID OIF MAJ
Referred by Bob Bailey
OP 60 9046 WILLIAM R. ROHRER
288N/14AR PT/93-95 1LT
Referred by Robert Rouse
OP 7
6728 DENNIS R. NOES
10FA/HQ CW SSGT
MARINE RIDER
OP2
6983 DALE H. TYSOR
3ID/RECONNAISSANCE CW/Mar83-Nov84 SP4
Referred by Website
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9048 EILEEN A. HILL
ASSOCIATE
OP 35
9049 MARK YOUSIF
Widow of George Hill
ASSOCIATE
OP 13
Referred by Cecil Gilbert

REGULAR ANNUAL
9045 BERNARD P. LISWELL
DIV/HQ/GARRISON PT/2001-2002 COL
Referred by Robert Rouse
OP 7

DORIS from page 7

Dear Doris,

On the transport carrying us to Japan, we saw “Romance on the High Seas.” When you sang “the stars desert the skies and rush to nestle in your eyes,” I was about to leap into yours. The boys of company L would like an autographed photo of you. Maybe the sounds of war have distorted my sense of values. But, please, on bend- ed knee, flecked with blackheads, and scarred from barbed wire, please send me a photo.

Thank you,

Three weeks, no answer.

Company L was short of men due to casualties and those who rotated stateside. We were placed in reserve, about fifteen miles south of the front.

Mail Call! Mail Call!

A large manila envelope for me? I tore it open, and there it was: an 8”x10” photo of Doris Day! The photo was inscribed: “Dear Danny, Sorry I’m late. My regards to the boys of Company L. Thank you, Doris Day.”

Charlie, a member of my squad, found a thin nail and tacked her photo to the front post of our squad tent. I shared my pen with the boys to autograph the trophy.

A general inspection was programmed for Saturday. We spent Friday folding our blankets, puffing our pillow, cleaning our boots, stiffening the roof of our tent, and tried to make our fatigues look presentable.

On Saturday afternoon, a helicopter brought Colonel Middlebrook to inspect the battalion area.

Each platoon lined up at attention, opposite their squad tent. The officers left the 1st platoon’s tent apparently satisfied. Next came the second platoon, our platoon. Within a minute, the colonel came tearing out of the tent with Doris Day’s photo.

“Who is Danny?” He shouted.

“There are two Danny’s in our platoon sir. There’s Danny Brown and Danny Wolfe,” replied platoon sergeant Jeffries.

Waving the photograph, he growled, “Which one of you put up this photo?”

“I did, Sir.”

“Does this belong in a tent during inspection?”

“No Sir.”

He tore the photograph and then told Sgt. Jeffries to put me on detail for a week. It never happened.

On April 5, 2015, Doris Day turned 91. I’m sure if she knew the commotion her photo had caused in July 1952 in Korea, she would have stood on her toes and sang, “It’s tragic.”


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Pledge

I pledge to the Society of the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, in the achievement of the goals for which it is formed, that same full measure of loyalty and devotion which my comrades who have fallen gave to the Division and to the cause for which they fought.

Through my loyalty and devotion to their memory, they shall not be forgotten by the country, for which they died, or by the comrades at whose sides they fell.

To them, I pledge in peace and war the dedication of myself to that country and that cause to which they consecrated themselves.

General Information

All members in good standing receive the official bimonthly publication, The Watch on the Rhine. Life Members shall receive the Watch in the Rhine with no further dues payments during their lifetime. The National Membership Roster is printed every three years. All members receive a copy of the roster on the three-year cycle. All new members receive a copy. The next National Membership Roster will be printed in 2018.
CAMPAIGNS OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

WORLD WAR I (2 Medals of Honor)
- Aisne
- St. Miehiel
- Champagne-Marne
- Meuse-Argonne
- Aisne-Marne
- Champagne

WORLD WAR II (3 Medals of Honor)
- Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)
- Tunisia
- Sicily (with arrowhead)
- Naples-Foggia
- Anzio (with arrowhead)
- Rome-Arno
- Southern France (with arrowhead)
- Ardennes-Alsace
- Rhineland
- Central Europe

KOREAN WAR (13 Medals of Honor)
- CCF Intervention
- First UN Counteroffensive
- CCF Spring Offensive
- U.N. Summer-Fall Offensive
- Second Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
- Third Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer 1953

WAR ON TERRORISM (1 Medal of Honor)
- Liberation of Iraq
- Transition of Iraq
- Iraqi Governance
- National Resolution
- Iraqi Surge
- Iraqi Sovereignty
- New Dawn

Rock of the Marne
- WWI 1917-1918
- Peacetime 1919-1941
- WWII 1941-1945
- Korea War 1950-1953
- Cold War 1945-1991
- Desert Storm 1990-1991
- Peacetime 1992-2000
- Bosnia 2000-2001
- Peacetime 2002-2003
- Middle East 2003-present

WWI, WWII, Korea, Cold War, Peacetime, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan

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